



ÉCOLE RIVERDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we look to September parents often have questions about the placement of their children in classes for the upcoming school year. As you can imagine, the process of organizing classes is very complex and requires much thought and deliberation. Teachers, during the month of June, collaboratively begin to work through the process of developing class lists for the following school year. After new registrations are confirmed in September, class organizations are finalized and communicated to parents.

Educational considerations used to develop student placement include:

- Individual learning strengths and needs of students
- Students' personalities and social interactions with other students
- Intellectual development
- Student history (teachers, classes)
- Ministry rules on class size and composition
- Changes in enrolment numbers
- Parent input when possible

Please note that parental input isn't necessary, normally we have only a handful of parents that do so. For those that choose to, parental input can be helpful in determining an appropriate placement for a student. This year we will consider parent input highlighting any information you wish to bring to our attention as it relates to your child's learning. **Please note that requests for a specific teacher are neither appropriate nor are they possible to fulfill.** Information from parents which may be helpful to the placement process includes:

- Past school experiences
- Social strengths/needs
- Curricular/extra-curricular strengths
- Special medical needs
- Emotional needs/concerns

If you wish to provide input into the decision-making process please complete [this form](#) by June 17th at 4pm.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Vervaet
Principal

Learning, caring and doing our best... Apprendre, s'entendre et faire de son mieux.