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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have 504 students enrolled at Peace Arch, and we are pleased that all children have now been placed in their permanent classes for the 2021/2022 school year! Students have spent today in their new class with their new teacher.

As students settle into their new classrooms, we are often asked how decisions are made regarding the organization of classes. We consider each child's placement carefully based on the following criteria:

- student intellectual, social and emotional development
- learning styles and strengths of students
- achievement levels
- integration of students with special needs
- degree of independence in student work habits
- students who do/do not work well together
- friendships
- class size and composition guidelines

As much as possible, attempts are made to have balanced classes. In addition to the considerations mentioned above, we try to have an equal mix of gender as well as positive leaders included in each class. The placement of students is determined through school-based professional decisions. We feel confident that your child has been placed appropriately.

Most children are excited about being in a new class! However, some children may be somewhat anxious about their placement. Generally, our experience is that children easily adjust within the first few days. If your child is finding the change difficult, please let them know it is typical to feel anxious in new situations, but that soon their new classroom will feel like home! Children reflect the responses and attitudes of their parents. Your

conversations with them as they deal with change will help them to build resilience and self-confidence, and will result in a happier year of learning.

Thank you for your support with this process and for helping us begin a wonderful year together at Peace Arch!

Sincerely,

Ms. Laureen Boulet

Principal