



WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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HANLON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal

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Dear Families,

As you know, class placement is an important process that we go through each year. We review information about each child's academic, social, and emotional needs as well as their personal characteristics, and we use that information when making placement decisions. Our primary goal is to develop well balanced classrooms and assign each child to a classroom in which they can thrive and grow academically and socially. Teachers are very thoughtful throughout the process and any input you have provided is taken into consideration.

Once assignments have been made, they are final. Changing one child's placement after the fact can create an adverse ripple effect that can undermine the carefully planned arrangement of an entire grade. I am confident that all of our teachers provide students with high-quality learning opportunities, and our curriculum standards are consistent across the grade level, as well as across the district. All students have access to a variety of supports and enrichment activities regardless of their class assignment and we strive to ensure excellent learning outcomes for each and every student.

In the past, students entering grades 1 - 5 have received their class placement assignments with their June report cards. However, across the district, we have found that new students at every grade level continue to register throughout the summer. Due to the potential for summer enrollment changes, class placement letters for all Westwood elementary schools will now be sent home in mid- August.

Your support and flexibility is appreciated as we work to plan for another successful school year. Please contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah Cronin

