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Dear Helen Gorman Elementary Families,

As we head into spring, we already are moving forward with plans for the next school year. Currently, we are starting the process of building new classes for September. We consider the following factors when deciding how the classes should best be organized:

- Class size and composition
- Learning styles and needs
- Previous placement history
- Gender balance
- Social groupings
- Student behaviour
- Parent recommendations
- Recommendations of teachers and support staff

We typically re-assess our class organization after the August registration period as we become aware of any enrollment changes that have taken place over the summer months. In the best interests of all students, please be aware that placements are TENTATIVE and that classroom assignments will not be posted or confirmed before school starts in September.

We will have many combined classes at Helen Gorman Elementary next year. Please remember combined classes have become more the norm than the exception. Every class, straight or combined, can have a wide variety of needs and abilities. Our teachers work hard to ensure that each child receives a rich learning experience at their academic level.

If you have a placement request for your child, please email me with that request at Rob.Aviani@sd23.bc.ca before May 27th. As you prepare your request, please keep in mind that only sound educational factors will be considered for classroom placement. We respectfully ask that parents avoid requests with specific teachers' or classmates' names; rather, it is more helpful to understand the learning environment that you feel is best for your child. If you would like to discuss your request with me, please feel free to call me at the school.

Due to many placement factors, as well as Ministry requirements, please understand that we cannot guarantee that we will be able to honour your request. We will certainly consider each parent request carefully.

If you have any questions about the class organization process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the best,

Rob Aviani, Principal

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