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Dear Ecole Joe Clark Families,

We are thrilled to tell you that our staffing for the upcoming school year is complete, and our teaching staff will meet to determine class lists for the 2024-25 school year. This is a complex process, and we are seeking parental understanding and support.

We believe the classroom's learning atmosphere must be the first consideration in the formation of class groupings. Classes are organized to maximize learning and teaching opportunities for students and for teachers. We make every effort to minimize the potential for negative student interactions. We also make choices that we feel will be in the best interests of all students and their learning needs.

Staff teams strive to create classes that are diverse in character and balanced in all respects. The following criteria are considered when determining class lists:

- Student abilities
- Our knowledge of social interactions and dynamics between individual students and groups of students
- Placement of students new to Ecole Joe Clark School
- Approximately equal class sizes at any grade level

 Parents can assist the class formation process by:

- Helping their children to understand the importance of class formation
- Supporting placements that have been made.

Given the criteria used to generate class groupings, it is difficult to accommodate requests that we get to place a particular student with another student or group of students. It is equally difficult to accommodate requests for a particular teacher or teachers.

Given appropriate support at home and school, it has been our experience that most placements are successful. Where a placement is proving to be difficult, we ask that parents and students give it the time required for friendships to develop and comfort level to increase.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We are excited to begin planning for next year and ensure that all our learners at Ecole Joe Clark school feel safe, cared for and loved!

Sincerely,

Jolene Becker and Corre Mahan