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Dear Liberty Parents/Guardians,

The faculty, you, and I feel that the placement of children in classes for the next year is a decision of great importance -- one that affects your child's life at Liberty for nine months. The process that we will use to place children in classes for the fall of 2012 is outlined below.

1. Please **DO NOT** request a specific teacher. The most beneficial information you can share is related to the **type of learning environment** that best supports your child as a learner. If you have information about your child and about the kind of learning environment in which he or she seems to function best, (i.e. highly structured classroom, nurturing) please share this by **writing a note to Jody Obert, before Friday, April 6, 2012.** (This is not a request for a specific teacher.) Requests made after May 2nd date may not be honored since changes to class rosters can alter the entire make-up of a class. Please do not feel you MUST submit information. The staff at Liberty School is excellent at identifying students' strengths and areas that need to be supported. Knowing your children as *learners*, and knowing more about colleague's "styles," the staff can often make the best recommendation for next year's placement.
2. Shortly after April 6th, the teachers at your child's present grade level, other resource personnel, and administrators will meet to compile and discuss all the information we have about your child, and make class assignments utilizing the following factors:
 - student social and emotional growth
 - heterogeneous academic grouping
 - boy / girl ratio
 - class composition in general
3. **The classroom assignments will be mailed to your home prior to the beginning of school in your registration packet.** In the past few years, we have seen a significant change in the class make-up during the summer months. Students are moving into and out of the district, this has created unbalanced classrooms. Once classroom assignments have been announced, it has proved to be difficult to ask students and parents to switch to another class. Therefore, students will not find out who their classroom teacher is until they receive their registration packet. Please understand that if there is a change of classroom personnel or an increase in student enrollment during the summer, this may result in a change of classroom assignment for your child. Any children affected by last minute changes will be notified by phone.

In making these important decisions, we want to consider all possible and relevant information. Our goal is to make placements that will ensure the optimum learning environment for each child. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jody Obert

Liberty Elementary Principal