



# W.H. Ballard Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

## RE: Class Re-organization

Each fall, HWDSB reviews elementary student enrolment in schools, and re-organizes staffing if actual enrolment differs from spring projections. It is normal for student enrolment to fluctuate a little.

This year, the fall re-organization is more widespread due to the in-person/remote option for students, as well as the ongoing need to meet provincial class size requirements. In addition, we have experienced an overall growth in elementary enrolment across the school board.

Although we know this will cause disruption, the overall impact of this re-organization is good for our students. Class sizes overall will reduce, and our new organization will allow us to support students more impactfully.

Specifically, for W.H. Ballard, the re-organization will mean:

### Creating

- an additional JK/SK class due to an increase in our school enrolment. K. Doyle (LTO Bocalon)
- additional combined class for grade 6/7 (T. Cain)

### Transitioning

- a Grade 2/3 Class (L. Molnar) to a Grade 2 Class
- a Grade 4 Class (C. Malis) to a Grade 4/5 Combined Class

### Collapsing

- 2 French Immersion Classes, 67FA (S. Engel) and F7B (T. Cain)
- a Grade 1 / 2 Class (K. Doyle- LTO Bocalon)

Please know that the W.H. Ballard Re-organization will impact many students from across the grades, resulting in them moving to a different classroom. For those students moving classrooms, a personalized letter outlining the change will be received via hard copy by Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

We know how difficult moving classes can be, apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and appreciate your understanding and support.

As always, our team of dedicated educators have carefully planned these student transitions and will work with you to ensure your child is well supported and experiences educational success.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.  
Sincerely,

Mr. Pellizzari  
Temporary Principal

Ms. Gokhale  
Vice-Principal