

Winona Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

RE: Class Reorganization

This school year has presented unique challenges to all schools in Ontario, as well as new options for students to learn in-person or remotely.

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

This year, however, the fall reorganization is more complex and widespread due to the in-person/remote option for students, as well as the ongoing need to meet provincial class size requirements.

Specifically, at Winona Elementary, the reorganization means that we have had to close an additional three classrooms which has once again impacted our overall teacher FTE in the building. As a result, we have had to move students from those classrooms. Most of this affects our Primary and Junior Divisions.

If your child has been affected by these classroom closures, you will receive information directly from your child's teacher and then be welcomed by their new teacher.

We understand that this situation is challenging but we appreciate your understanding and for modelling a positive attitude and a growth mindset with your child during this time of unprecedented change in schools. Parents help to set a positive tone and resiliency is an important life skill to learn.

As always, our team of dedicated educators will work with you to ensure your child is well cared for and experiences educational success.

Sincerely,

Mr. T. Illman Principal

curiosity.

creativity.

possibility.

