

Liberty Community Unit School District #2

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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 for the fall of 2020 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 emailing **Jody Obert** at jody.obert@libertyschool.net, **before Friday, April 17, 2020**. *This is not a request for a specific teacher.*

Letters received after April 17 date may not be considered as changes to class rosters can alter the make-up of a class. Please do not feel you MUST submit information. The staff at Liberty School are 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 17**, the teachers at your child's present grade level, other resource personnel, and administration 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. **Classroom assignments will be provided at registration time in August after new students are enrolled.**

In the past few years, we have seen a significant change in the class make-up during the summer months. Students moving into and out of the district has created unbalanced classrooms. Once classroom assignments have been announced, it is difficult to ask students and parents to switch to another class.

Therefore, returning students will not find out who their classroom teacher is until they register (online or in person). Please understand that if there is a late change of classroom personnel or student enrollment, this may result in a change of classroom assignment for your child. Any children affected by these 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