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TO: Onslow County Student Families

FROM: Student Services

RE: Class Size and Out-of-District Placements

Dear Families,

Please note that all current out-of-district approvals are valid for the 2017-2018 school year only.

Due to recent changes enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly, the school system has limited flexibility regarding class size in kindergarten through grade three during the 2017-2018 school year, and loses all flexibility starting with the 2018-2019 school year. Class size limitations in the primary grades will also have a significant impact on class sizes in grades four through twelve. Please be aware that class size maximums have significantly reduced the availability of space for out-of-district placements at all schools and your child may be required to return the school assigned to him or her as determined by your home address starting with the 2018-2019 school year.

We recognize that changing schools can be very difficult for children. It is not our intent to place any undue stress on our children or their families, but as a school system, we must comply with all statutes and policies. This letter is to maintain open and honest communication with our families and to provide you with an opportunity to consider your child's placement in the coming school year.