

Lake Hill K-5 Elementary School

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Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian:

Please find attached to this letter, a letter from the Superintendent, Piet Langstraat, which explains the configuration and composition of classes for the coming school year, 2017 - 2018. With the new composition language resulting from the Supreme Court decision, class configuration may look different from previous years. In terms of class sizes, it means that classes will be smaller and this is great for students and teachers. As Lake Hill Elementary School has a smaller school population, we have created divisions with grade groupings similar to past years. We are also able to keep the computer lab and music room. Mrs. Vingo's current classroom will be the location for the incoming Kindergarten/ Grade One class and the Learning Support program will be moved. If the student registration expands for the coming school year, there will be additional changes to classroom locations.

In terms of "composition", the change with the restored language will be class composition language limits on the number of students with Ministry designations that can be assigned to a classroom. This will affect how students are grouped in classrooms. A lot will continue to change in the coming months, and until September 30,th when classes must be confirmed for the year, but it is important to us that we share where we are now, so we can minimize concerns and disruptions in September.

As we are currently waitlisting students who would like to register at Lake Hill Elementary, there may be changes to classroom allocations in September. We will keep you informed. Students will return to last year's classroom on Tuesday, September 5th from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. During the first week of September, student placements will be finalized based on number of registrations and the limitations of the restored contract language.

It is important to provide an update on what to expect in September. As always, I welcome any questions or concerns. Please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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