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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Gilford Elementary staff is beginning our work on student placement for next school year. My hope is that this letter will answer your questions and alleviate the natural anxieties that some parents and students experience as placements are completed.

We invite you to complete the Parent Input Form (not a requirement) that is on the back side of this letter. You can also access the form on our school website. We welcome your input about your child to assist us in the placement process. Like you, we want to create the most effective learning experience for your child. I would appreciate hearing what you'd like to see from your child in the coming school year by sharing the unique perspective that only you can have of your child. Please do not request specific teachers - the focus of your letter should be your child and his or her development. Please return the form directly to me by Friday, April 6th. You may return it as a hard copy or electronically.

Next year, as in the past, students will be grouped in traditional grade-level classes. In order to advance our efforts to personalize student learning we have built a schedule that allows for extended periods of learning time as well as teacher collaboration in vertical groups. The schedule allows teachers to collaborate for instructional purposes and students to be challenged at the level of learning that best matches their skills.

We will work diligently in the next two months to complete the placement process. Our teachers thoughtfully collaborate with many different members of our school staff to create well-balanced, productive, and positive learning environments for all of the children leaving their classrooms. I greatly respect their work and careful decisions. As in past years, your child will participate in a "step-up" experience on the last day of school with his or her new teacher. You will receive information about your child's placement on their report card that day.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this process.

Best regards,

Danielle Bolduc

Student Name: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Current Teacher: _____

There are many factors that go into determining an individual child's placement. It is our goal to place every child in a learning situation that will be successful for him or her. We appreciate your partnership in our placement decisions. This form is not required.

Is there any information about your child that you would like to share with us