

## **Class Placement: Dixie Elementary Schools**

Staff and I are beginning the process of planning for next year and will soon begin designing classes based on enrollment projections. As per Board Policy, the teaching staff and principal share the responsibility for student placement. The teachers meet by grade levels before the end of the year to develop classes. Classes will be designed based upon the following criteria:

- Ratio of boys to girls/Overall number
- Students with special needs
- Second language learners
- Learning styles
- Social/Emotional needs
- Citizenship

Parent requests will be considered if the request is based upon **clear-cut educational and/or developmental needs** (per board policy). All requests must be received between May 1st and May 31st and be in writing to me. Accommodations will not be made to place your student in a class with a particular teacher or with friends. A family may have had a sibling in a class with a particular teacher previously but this is not considered a valid educational reason for placement. Each child's needs are unique and because a brother or sister liked or disliked a teacher does not mean the sibling will have the same experience.

**The key ingredient to this process is trust.** You need to trust that we will do the best job possible in placing your student with all the information at our disposal. We do the best job we can because it is important to us that each child has the optimum chance for learning, growth and success.