



LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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"Success for Every Student"

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Kindergarten to Grade 4:

I hope this email finds you and your family well. Again, I want to thank you for your understanding and support during this time. Our school community has pulled together to support our students, and for that I thank you.

As the end of each school year approaches, a considerable amount of discussion ensues regarding the placement of our students for the following school year. Since this is a matter that we do not take lightly, I, in collaboration with our professional staff, will spend countless hours in constructing well-balanced classes in which all children will have the opportunity to learn and grow both academically and socially.

Keeping in mind the Levittown School District's philosophy of grouping children heterogeneously, classes are formed with the following in mind:

- Gender balance
- An even proportion of abilities and learning styles
- Social and emotional needs of each child
- Number of students receiving support services
- Possible student conflicts

Please be aware that the final decision on class placements must reside with the school, and requests for specific teachers **cannot** be honored. We will, however, take into consideration any experience with previous siblings that may impact on your child's placement or the need to separate your child from another student in cases where this interaction interferes with a positive learning environment. **Please outline such concerns in an email to me no later than Friday, May 7th.** To email me, please click the following link to submit your request. This will give us ample time to reflect on the proper placement to accommodate this unique situation, **if possible.**

<http://www.levittownschoools.com/gardiners/staff/>

Please note: Emails must be addressed to the principal. Classroom teachers may not accept your requests. All information received will be confidential. Proper placement of children is very important to us, and we will approach this task with the utmost professionalism and sensitivity.

Please understand that **requests of preference cannot be granted** due to our commitment to **all** of our children. Notification of your child's class assignment will be mailed to you in late August. Generic supply lists will be available online along with report cards in June.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jared Vanderbeck, Ed. D.
Principal
Gardiners Avenue School