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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Barrington 220! Kindergarten is a special time when children are introduced to new learning experiences, friendships, and environments. We are excited to have your child begin his or her journey in Barrington 220.

Barrington 220 has always placed a high priority on neighborhood schools and the community building opportunities it creates. Occasionally, however, we find kindergarten enrollments exceed acceptable guidelines. When this occurs we have to juxtapose our commitment to neighborhood schools with sound fiscal stewardship and the needs of students for manageable class sizes.

As has been our historical past practice, kindergarten students in the school/s with overcrowded kindergarten classes are transferred to another elementary school to “maximize the facility usage without undue overcrowding” (School Board Policy 6:30). Please be assured these transfers will be made as a last resort when enrollments exceed acceptable kindergarten class size guidelines.

It may be necessary during the 2019 - 2020 school year to transfer some students or entire sections of kindergarten classes out of a neighborhood school to another attendance area. Once a kindergarten classroom exceeds guidelines, a decision is made to transfer some children as quickly as possible. If children are transferred from the kindergarten classroom, they may return to their home school for first grade or petition to stay at the school of attendance in which they attended for kindergarten.

Once a kindergarten class is overcrowded, several criteria are used to determine individual students who will need to transfer. One of the primary criteria used in determining individual student transfers is the ability of the transportation company to pick up the students and deliver them to the newly-assigned building. Another variable we review is the placement of siblings and the schools in which they attend. It is our goal to work with families and make this transition as smooth as possible.

Please be advised that the date you register your child for kindergarten is not the only factor in determining transfers. You could be one of the first to register, but because of other factors, be one of the families included in a transfer situation. Parents who initially may have some concern about a transfer invariably find a wonderful, warm environment at the new school in which their children can begin their education.

I appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Craig Winkelman

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