

Dear Beal Families,

The last day of the 2015-2016 school year is within our sights and while some students will be returning to Beal for Grade 1, many of you will be moving on to Floral Street, Paton, Coolidge or Spring Street Schools. Soon, we will begin working with these schools to plan class assignments for next year. Part of this process is gathering and reviewing information we have for each student and determining, based on numerous factors, what the best class placement for each student may be. Some factors for consideration include teacher input, balanced classes considering students' gender, number of students per classroom, the students' academic, social, and emotional needs, and parent input as to any specific significant issues of which we are not aware.

All teachers in the Shrewsbury Public Schools are highly qualified professionals who will provide the opportunity and support for each student to succeed. Although our teachers demonstrate a range of teaching styles, they all teach under the same umbrella of core values, curriculum, and best teaching practices. It is because of this that requests for specific teachers will not be considered. Similarly, given the complexity and multi-faceted nature of the class placement process, we also cannot consider requests for friends to be placed together.

Throughout the process we will utilize the wealth of information we already have to create appropriately balanced classes. It is not necessary, nor is it expected, that parents communicate with us regarding class placement. The only information we would need and that will be considered is information regarding specific issues of which we are not aware. If you have specific information of which you would like to make us aware, please contact me in writing or by email at [cgirardi@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:cgirardi@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) before Wednesday, April 13th. Information received after this date cannot be considered, as the process will be underway. Please know that information shared with me will become part of the student placement consideration and will be shared with teachers as they

develop class placements.

We truly appreciate your ongoing help and support in our work to help your child have a successful transition to their next school.

Sincerely,

Chris Girardi

Principal- Beal Early Childhood Center