Dear parents/guardians,

Like all school boards in the province, Grand Erie receives funding from the Ministry of Education based on its overall elementary enrolment. Additionally, Grand Erie’s elementary schools are required to meet class size caps in the primary division, and overall class size averages in the junior and intermediate divisions when staffing schools.

Each year, to operate within the limits of this funding and to meet the Ministry’s required class size expectations, Grand Erie adjusts classes at some schools to ensure compliance.

This September, with many families choosing online learning due to COVID-19, class adjustments are happening earlier, and are taking place at more schools in Grand Erie than would normally be the case.

**The impact of these changes on our school for 2020-21 is:**

* The closure of 1 primary and 1 junior class
* The creation of a second kindergarten class of 15, without an early child educator

Grand Erie recognizes and understands that class adjustments are frustrating for students, families and staff.

As we move forward as a school, we hope that you’ll join us in working together. That you’ll show leadership in the days ahead by demonstrating calm and patience for our students. That you’ll help us by focusing on the most important thing right now: making sure back-to-school and the 2020-21 school year is the most successful one we can all create together for our students.

Thank-you!

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