

# Algonac Community Schools

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In Michigan's Blue Water Area

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

At the end of May, we will begin to form class rosters for next school year. Our process is elaborate and multi-tiered to ensure students are placed appropriately for success. Some of you have shared questions regarding the formation of elementary classes for next year. Therefore, in an effort to communicate openly, the process is as follows.

In the best interest of the children, all grade level teaching staff from across the district will work together with administration and support staff, to form classes for the 2018-2019 school year. The learning environment of the class is an important element for student success. Factors to be considered by the teachers as classes are formed include, but are not limited to, individual students' strengths, challenges, work habits, conduct, and personalities. Our intention is to form well balanced learning communities where all children will succeed.

In the past, parents have shared the desire to choose a specific teacher for their child. You may have chosen a wonderful teacher (and they all are!), but the group of children in that teachers' room may not be the best for your child's personality and needs. Please keep in mind staffing assignments also change from year to year as enrollment fluctuates and campus needs change. Additionally, it would be impossible to honor requests from all parents.

We understand how precious your children are to you, and we, too, have the best interests of each student at heart. We do value your thoughts. In an effort to be fair and consistent, we would recommend that if you feel there are certain factors we need to know about your child, please take the time to fill out the parent consideration from describing such needs. If, for example, your child has specific educational or behavioral needs, describe them for us. This process should be done using the district Placement Consideration Form which is available on the website or in the elementary school offices. **Placement Consideration Forms should be delivered to an elementary school office no later than May 25.**

We respectfully ask that parents not approach teachers for a recommendation regarding which teachers to request for next year. If you are unsure about your child's placement, please rest assured that classroom teachers will be involved in placement decisions for next year. Please understand that this information will be one of the factors considered as we combine students and teachers in ways which will best assure all a successful and enjoyable 2018-2019 school year. All letters will be shared with your child's teacher next school year so he/she can better support your child's educational needs.

Respectfully,

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Elementary Principals