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Dear Parent/Guardian,

At the end of the school year, we organize classes based upon the best information we have at the time. At this time, 674 students are registered at W. Erskine Johnston Public School. This has required that we look at the numbers of students in our classes as the Ministry of Education has mandated that primary classes (grade 1 to grade 3) consist of approximately 20 students.

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board has also reviewed the class sizes in all its schools. To meet the Ministry's directive, some class changes need to be made at our school, affecting our grade 2 and 3 English classes. These changes will be effective Monday, September 23, 2013.

The best interest of all students is a priority when a decision such as this must be made. Some of the criteria considered when making class change decisions include:

- matching the teacher's teaching style to the child's learning style
- having a balance of children of various academic abilities
- consideration of the child's academic, social and physical needs
- consideration of Special Education students
- allergy information, and
- having as equal a balance of boys and girls in the classes as possible.

As educators, we have the best interests of your children in mind when such decisions must be made. Mr. Jackson's Grade 2/3 class will become a Grade 3 class only, which will necessitate some children moving out of his class and some children moving into his class. Parents/guardians of the moving students will be notified by an individual letter.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we make these changes – ensuring optimal learning conditions for each child is one of our most complicated tasks.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Marilyn Burans in cursive.

Marilyn Burans
Principal