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Dear Elementary Families,

I want to share an adjustment at the elementary school in regards to our staffing for this school year. First, everyone recognizes that having six teachers in the elementary would be the best grade level configuration. That being said, the elementary team feels that this new option is realistic and supports a healthy class size number for both the students and teacher.

Recently the elementary team was able to work through student numbers and came up with an adjustment to next year's grade level configuration. So, moving forward we'll have teachers in kindergarten, 1st, 4th and 5th grades. In 2nd and 3rd grade we are able to combine the two grades into one classroom, which will be about twenty students in the class. Twenty students would be an average size classroom for Lopez and a realistic number of students for the teacher, yet still under the state's average.

Ms. Kendra will be back and has agreed to teach the 2/3 classroom and Mr. B is excited to work with our kindergarteners. Mr. B has taught kindergarten in his prior school district and feels comfortable with this option.

The teachers will be connecting with families as we get closer to the start of school and can help answer any questions or you can contact myself over the summer.

Thank you,

Brian Auckland

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