

Givins/Shaw
Junior Public School
Toronto District School Board



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Dear Parents of Givins/Shaw Kindergarten Students:

In the spring, when we organized Givins/Shaw for this school year, we did so based upon our 'projected enrolment' which is calculated by the Toronto District School Board's Planning Department and then examined and approved by the administration at Givins/Shaw. Due to the fact that student enrolment drives so many facets of our school, we are always diligent in this process. Given the information we had last spring, we created three classes for our Kindergarten program and, at that time, each class met the TDSB expectation of not exceeding 29 students in each. However, one of the reasons why the spring communication with our families mentions that our school organization model is 'tentative and subject to change' is that even with our best efforts, sometimes our actual enrolment in September does not align with our projected enrolment, and changes are required.

As we approach the conclusion of the second week of the school year, our overall enrolment is very close to the projected total; however we have experienced a spike in our kindergarten numbers. We now have over 30 students in each of our kindergarten classes and we are pleased to announce that today we have been asked by the TDSB to reorganize our kindergarten division and create a fourth class so that we have smaller class sizes in each of our kindergarten classes. The fourth class will be located in Room 7, have a maximum of 15 students, one teacher, and no Early Childhood Educator (ECE). The new teacher will work in concert with Ms. Rachael Chang and Ms. Claudia Araujo's kindergarten class. We have begun the process of hiring the teacher for the new class but have not completed the process just yet.

Of course, we want to undergo this re-organization with minimal disruption to our kindergarten students and families. We understand that lots of families may be interested in a small class environment. As a staffing committee, we have determined that the Room 7 class will start with twelve students and not exceed fifteen. Several factors will be considered when the school team determines which students will be in the smaller class. We will need a mix of gender and age and also consider which students would benefit from a smaller class and contribute well in a positive environment. The expectation of the TDSB is that the new class be up and running by September 24, 2018. We will inform any families whose children will be in the Room 7 classroom as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dan Taylor

Principal