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Dear Parents,

As you know the District balances enrollment at the beginning of every year. One of the ways they accomplish this is by starting with Kindergarten enrollment. Knowing our enrollment numbers were lower than expected, I felt it was better to start with two Kindergarten classes and eliminate the 1st /2nd grade blends. The numbers continued to stay lower than expected in Kindergarten and as such we still had to give up the allocation for this class. In reviewing the options, I decided that lower numbers in our classrooms took precedence and not moving students would result in the least amount of disruption so we looked to our other staff and due to licensure and seniority, Mr. Tharp, our STEAM teacher has been transferred to teach math at Ockley Green.

Mr. Tharp has been an important member of the staff for several years, and it was hard to see him go. However, we have taken steps to lessen the impact of this loss and make sure that our schedule remains the same for students.

Thank you for your support.

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