



North Allegheny School District

*Office of Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education
200 Hillvue Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237*

April 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As we approach the end of the current school year, I would like to address the subject of parental requests for specific classroom teachers. In our elementary program at North Allegheny, we strive for a healthy, heterogeneous student enrollment in each classroom. A process is in place whereby teachers confer by grade level and make recommendations that will result in well-balanced classroom settings. These settings include students with a wide range of academic levels, behavior characteristics, and learning styles. Teaching styles are also taken into consideration when completing homeroom assignments.

To further outline the process, there are nine critical criteria used in the determination of class assignments. These include:

- Heterogeneous groupings
- Gender balance
- Balance of special needs
- Peer interactions
- Special services
- Learning environment
- Health or medical conditions
- Equitable distribution of students
- Unusual family circumstances

Each of these plays a role in the final decision for assignment.

Parental input is shared throughout the school year and addresses:

- Peer interaction
- Learning environment
- Health or medical conditions
- Unusual family circumstances

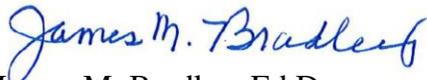
Some of the settings at which this information is shared include conferences, Well Check or SAP meetings, and contacts made during the school year. All of the information you provide is taken into consideration as we follow the assignment process. Grade level teams, counselors, special area teams, reading specialists, MTSS Interventionists, and administrators are all involved in this process.

While parent input is welcomed, **individual teacher requests will not be granted.** Assigning students is a complex educational issue that is taken seriously at North Allegheny. The District has developed procedures to best match students with classroom settings and teachers. You may wish to share information by way of letter to your building administrator. This is another means of delivering your input. In order for us to begin the scheduling process, this information needs to be obtained **no later than Friday, April 23, 2021** and provided to your child's principal.

The teaching staff at North Allegheny is outstanding! I believe we will be able to meet the needs of all students with our quality staff. As a school community, I see our priority as providing the best educational experience as possible to your child.

Thank you for your interest and continued support of education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James M. Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive style.

James M. Bradley, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education

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