

# Fletcher W. Judson Elementary School

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Dear Judson Families,

I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the nice weather!

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is coming so quickly! This means that it is time to begin planning for the 2021/2022 school year. One of the most important topics for us is the process for student placements.

All of us – parents/guardians and Judson staff members – desire that children be placed in classes where they can thrive intellectually and socially. There are many factors that must be considered in creating these classes including each student's unique learning style, motivation, peer relationships, and work habits. The task is very comprehensive and traditionally classes must be balanced by size, academic levels and needs, and with boys/girls.

Included in the process at Judson are classroom teachers, specialists, support staff, and administration. Each of these professionals brings different areas of experience and insight to the task of developing classes. In addition, involvement of all of the personnel who interact with students in a wide variety of settings and situations provides us with a broad cross-section of students' school experiences. While the match between a particular teacher and child is important, the grouping of students is equally important. As such, we will not accept requests for specific teachers.

In order to make the best decisions for your child, we feel it is important to involve you and provide you the opportunity to share information about your child which may be helpful in the placement process. Please do not request a specific teacher, but share with us in writing any information that we may not know that would help us with our decision-making (e.g. preferences regarding the learning environment, separation issues, etc.). Letters should be emailed to me ([raymondkr@watertownps.org](mailto:raymondkr@watertownps.org)) by Friday, May 28, 2021.

Our primary goal is to set everyone up for success. Please trust our dedication to your children and knowledge of each other as educators as we strive to create well-balanced, supportive class groupings that allow *all* children to learn and grow. We appreciate your input into this process. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

Kristin Raymond  
Principal