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Dear Burr Preschool Parents,

This is to let you know that on January 8, 2019, the Board of Education voted to relocate the Burr Preschool Program to Stratfield Elementary School.

To provide a little background, two general education preschool classrooms were established many years ago to help comply with Connecticut's Racial Imbalance law for public schools. Over the years, several location changes have been made to adjust the program and further comply with the law. Prior to 2017-2018, one preschool class was at Dwight and one was at Burr. In 2017-2018, the Dwight program was moved to Stratfield.

In addition to general education preschool, Fairfield also offers an inclusive model preschool at the Early Childhood Center (ECC), which has six classrooms. This is very similar to the inclusive model in grades K-5; classes are comprised of students who receive services as well as typical peers. The ECC has seen explosive enrollment growth, and the district has worked hard to put one preschool in place for 2019-2020.

The Board's decision means there will be one single ECC program located at two sites: ECC at Stratfield Elementary School and ECC at Warde High School. Please be assured that your preschooler will have a reserved seat at one of the ECC locations next year. Both sites will offer 5-day, developmentally appropriate high-level preschool programming as well as Music and PE.

The following information will help to clarify the enrollment process:

1. Children currently in a tuition-based preschool spot are always given priority to return, and this year will be no different. As always, the timely return of required paperwork is essential to ensure that deadlines can be met.

2. Current opt-in preschool students at Burr will continue to have the option to opt-in to Burr for grades K-5. The same is true for siblings of current opt-in preschool students.
3. At the conclusion of Grade 5, opt-in students will be required to attend their designated middle school based on home address.
4. Enrollment at ECC Warde or ECC Stratfield will be based on the early childhood feeder pattern as follows:
 - ECC Warde: McKinley, Sherman, Mill Hill, Jennings, Burr and Holland Hill
 - ECC Stratfield: Osborn Hill, Riverfield, Dwight, Stratfield and North Stratfield

Given this is a transitional year, the district will work with parents who may have unique circumstances.

I hope this information is helpful. Additional enrollment information will be sent out next week, but please feel free to reach out directly to Principal Bluestein with any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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