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Dear GME Parents and Guardians;

RE: In Preparation for 2017-2018

The next two months will be filled with so many wonderful opportunities for your children both within our school and in our community at the same time as we are in full preparation for the 2017-2018 session. As many of you are aware, the recent Supreme Court decision to return to 2002 BC and local Collective Agreement language requires schools to organize classes and schools differently. I will do my best to explain the advantages and challenges of the new/old guidelines on GME for 2017-2018 and beyond.

We will be going up to 28 divisions next year, adding one more to both our French Immersion and English stream. The addition of these two divisions is to help us comply with lower class size limits. For this reason, we will have to find space for two more classes in our physical plant. At this point, that looks like the OgoPogo lab will be one of the classroom spaces and we will have another portable class added to our grounds which may not be ready until after school begins in the fall. Until the new portable classroom is ready for use, that group of learners will be in our Music room. We are daily doing our best as a school and school district to comply with the new/old language and support our staff and students.

This also means that even more teachers will be hired to our district to fill the new positions and replace teachers retiring, on leaves or pursuing other options in their lives. All positions have been posted and we hope to fill them before the end of this school year. It is believed that some school districts will not be able to hire enough teachers to fill all positions. If at any time a person wanted to enter the field of education and be employed, now is the time.

We appreciate your patience as we enter into this challenging time. Please know that we are doing our very best each and every day to be creative and critical thinkers to prepare for the fall. We do not have answers to all the questions, but we are listening, discussing, disagreeing, compromising and innovating to create the best possible learning environment for your children. Our students are the reason that we exist at GME.

Happy May,
Wendy Briggs
Principal