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Dear River Valley Elementary Parents,

Acknowledging that our school district will be changing over the next two years, we want to communicate details regarding building configuration and staffing at the elementary level for the 2017-2018 school year. We know that this information is important to parents and families as they begin planning for next year.

The River Valley area has the unique opportunity to create two new school buildings in configuration, educational focus, and culture over the next two years. Our staff will have increased opportunities to integrate best practices and characteristics from our current configuration into the new River Valley Early Learning Center (located in Plain) and River Valley Elementary School (located in Spring Green), while maintaining and supporting River Valley - Arena Community Elementary School (ACES) through the 2017-2018 school year. We're excited and confident this will strengthen our collective efforts and improve instructional practices. In addition, increased teacher collaboration will enhance our ability to meet the social and emotional needs of all of our students.

Our new configuration will create opportunities for same grade-level students to be together throughout their educational experience. This will allow us to establish more balanced class sizes and create diversified classes relating specifically to student academic, social, and emotional needs. We realize that parents may want to request specific teachers at a given grade level, and want to communicate that all teacher requests must be submitted in writing, either paper or email, to Jaime Hegland (jhegland@rvschools.org) by Friday, April 14, 2017. Please note that efforts to honor each request will take place; however a request does not guarantee placement.

During this time of change, it is important to communicate our confidence in improving upon the already great educational experience we provide for our students at River Valley. If you have questions regarding the attached staffing plan, or any other aspect of our elementary programming, please contact me directly at your earliest convenience.

Like a Hawk,

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