

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PHASE OUT OF MULTI-AGE CLASSROOMS

DATE: May 7, 2018

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

To keep the Commissioners informed of the proposed phase out of Multi-Age Classrooms.

FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

Mr. Kendall, will be updating Commissioners in regards to the proposed phase out of Multi-Age Classrooms:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action necessary, information only.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:


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TO: Parents/Guardians

FROM: Kevin Kendall, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum,
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RE: Elementary Multi-Age Classrooms

DATE: Tuesday, May 8, 2018

In January, the District Action Committee, comprised of teachers, parents, students, board members, and administrators, met to discuss the future of the multi-age classrooms at both John F. Kennedy Elementary School and Grant C. Madill Elementary School. Whenever we make a decision of this magnitude, we do our best to take into account all possible factors to make the decision that will be most beneficial for our students.

After a discussion about the multi-age program, the District Action Committee made the recommendation to discuss its future first with the teachers of the multi-age classrooms and then with each of the Site-Based Teams. There was an overwhelming feeling by the teachers of multi-age classrooms that although this non-traditional setting has contributed to the success of many students over the years, the rigor and demands of the curriculum today would be better met in a traditional classroom setting.

The Site-Based Teams then discussed the future of the multi-age classrooms with input from teachers of these classrooms. The Site-Based Teams agreed that historically our students have been successful in multi-age programs; however, the members of the team felt that students could be more successful meeting the demands of the Next Generation Learning Standards within a traditional classroom setting.

As a result of our meetings, it has been determined that beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the multi-age classrooms at Kennedy Elementary School at Grades 1/2 and Grades 3/4 will be changed to traditional grade-level specific classrooms. Then, in the 2019 - 2020 school year, the multi-age classrooms at Kennedy Elementary School at Grades 5/6 and Madill Elementary School at Grades 1/2 will be changed to traditional grade-level specific classrooms.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (315)-393-0900 extension 31902.

Thank you!

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