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Dear UCS Families,

As we move forward through the final months of our 2024-2025 school year, our thoughts are focused on having an exceptional last marking period, and on beginning to plan for the upcoming school year!

At this time of year we begin to receive questions from parents regarding class placement for the next school year. This is a process we take very seriously, and one that includes the active involvement of many professionals across the building (classroom teachers, unified arts teachers, support personnel, and administrator). School teams work diligently and think creatively when placing your child in the best learning environment possible every year, and equal care is given to the placement of each child. **Please note that your input is valuable, but the school will ultimately be responsible for the placement of your child(ren).** There are many factors that go into placement of which may not be something we can share with parents as it breeches the confidentiality of another student.

The following factors are considered when placing students in classes:

- **Balanced Academic Ability:** An equal distribution of academic abilities in various areas.
- **Student Learning Styles:** Matching teaching styles with individual student personalities.
- **Established-Friendships and Opportunities for Relationship Building:** Attempt to pair at least one or two friends from the current year to carry over into next year, while also considering opportunities to build new, positive friendships.
- **Family Input:** Although your child's current teacher has had the opportunity to get to know the strengths and needs of your child throughout the year, your family input is also an important part of this process as well. Please consider completing an optional My Child As A Learner form to share additional thoughts and information helpful for determining future classroom placement (**Please complete one form for each student**). If you do choose to complete an input form, it must be completed by **Friday, April 18, 2025**.
 - [My Child as a Learner form \(for students entering grades 1-4\)](#)
 - [Incoming Kindergarten My Child as a Learner form](#)

With or without this form, our staff will make a careful decision to ensure success for your child. This is a challenging and important process, and we respectfully request that you do not make a specific teacher or team request for planning, as all our UCS educators are equally skilled and dedicated to providing enriching, fulfilling, and supportive learning experiences for our students.

Your child's class placement will be announced by the end of the SY in June. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any unanswered questions about this process or if you need assistance in completing the My Child As A Learner family form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Marlow'.

David Marlow, Principal