

The Personalized Learning program will be expanding at Freedom Elementary to include all learners in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade starting next school year. We surveyed learners in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and all traditional learners in grades 3-5 and 94% elected to participate in EPIC/Personalized Learning. Due to the overwhelming request for the personalized pathway, the school board voted 5-0 to expand the program to all learners in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Freedom.

With the addition of 4 new studios in EPIC, it will be necessary to “upset the apple cart” and remix all of our studios in order to create balanced studios. When balancing the studios, we will look at age levels, boy/girl ratios, learner’s special needs, personalities and learning styles.

We will accept parent input when assigning learners to different Cohorts. (A cohort is a team of facilitators, one from each grade level in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, we will have 3 cohorts next year). Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents can make a request using the attached form. Requests can be made to separate learners or based on matching personalities to facilitators. Requests are due the last school day in April. All requests are considered but not necessarily honored. It is not my practice to alter home studios once they are completed. Home studios are confidential until they are posted in August. Thank you for helping us create an outstanding learning environment for all our students!

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact me. We are striving for accurate communication regarding the changes at Freedom. In addition, we are open to continuous learning and have made changes to our programing based on parent input.

*Dr. Pederson, Principal*

### **Tentative Staff for 18-19 – subject to change**

Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup>	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort C
<i>Mrs. Donnelly</i>	<i>Mr. Hirt</i>	<i>Ms. Gottsleben</i> Littles (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	<i>Ms. Vyhliadal</i> Littles	<i>Ms. Bohn</i> Littles
<i>Mrs. Artz</i>	<i>Mrs. Hodge</i>	<i>Mrs. Hansen</i> Middles (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	<i>Mrs. Ramstad</i> Middles	<i>Mrs. Barthel</i> Middles
<i>Mrs. Linder</i>	<i>Mrs. Stettnichs</i>	<i>Ms. Massey</i> Molders (4 <sup>th</sup> )	<i>Mrs. Goedtké</i> Molders	<i>Mrs. Petersen</i> Molders
<i>Mrs. Wysong</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Mr. Muth</i> Olders (5 <sup>th</sup> )	<i>Mr. Franken</i> Olders	<i>Mrs. Place</i> Olders
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### Studio Requests

Learner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level 2018-2019 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

It is to every learner's advantage to be part of a well-balanced studio. A balanced studio has learners with various academic abilities, has an equal ratio of boys and girls, and takes learners special needs into consideration.

Parent input is accepted in the process of assigning learners to studios. The deadline for filling out a request is the last school day in April. You will be asked to write a statement supporting your request. When making a request, please keep in mind the challenge of trying to create balanced studios, as this will be our priority when creating home studios lists. All requests will be considered, but not necessarily honored.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I am requesting to separate learners.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am requesting based on my child's learning style.

**Please provide a statement supporting your request for placement:**

For Office use only:

\_\_\_\_\_ Placement made

\_\_\_\_\_ Unable to fulfill request