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Dear Argonne Families,

I'm writing to share some exciting news for our Argonne community!!

In August 2019, we will welcome two Special Day Classes (SDC) to our school. Currently, Argonne's Special Education program is offered to students within the class as an inclusion model that occurs within the general education classroom. Our new program will expand to incorporate a K-2nd grade SDC Mild Moderate Autism-focus class and a 3rd-5th grade SDC Mild Moderate Autism-focus class. These SDC classes offer a more specialized level of support for our students with autism. Students will have access to the general education classroom to be with their typically developing peers for a portion of the day as identified by the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) team.

While we are still working through the logistics of the new program and the placement of the classrooms on the site, this change offers us a wonderful opportunity for our community to grow and learn together.

As with anything new, I know there will be many questions. To ensure that our community is well informed, I'd like to welcome you to upcoming meetings around this shift in our community.

On **Friday, March 8th**, please join the PTO Co-Chairs, Argonne's SPED Supervisor, and me for information and conversation at our monthly Coffee Klatch.

In light of this news, we have postponed our March 5th PTO Meeting in order to hold a special PTO/Community Meeting at 6:00 pm on **Tuesday, March 19th**. In this meeting we will hear from the Special Education Department and SFUSD Directors.

We will also be planning Parent Ed Nights and PTO Meetings that will focus on educating our community around how best to support our incoming programs. Please stay tuned!

I look forward to collaborating and learning with all of you. This process will be successful because of our thriving and inclusive Argonne community!

With gratitude,  
Ms. Catingub