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**Fwd: Elementary school capacity**

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To: Emily Hoyler <Hoyler.Emily@gmail.com>

Fri, May 7, 2021 at 2:06 PM

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From: **Jen Grilly** <jen@bridgeschoolvermont.org>  
Date: Thu, May 6, 2021 at 9:06 AM  
Subject: Re: Elementary school capacity  
To: Laurie Cox <lminercox@gmail.com>

Hi Laurie,

Thanks for your email. While it is difficult to tell what the next few years holds for us, I can share the trend we have seen for the past year and next. We limited our enrollment this year to 22 (K-6) students and we had a waitlist. Next year, we are going to increase to 30 students and we again anticipate a waitlist. We don't believe we will increase past 30 students (K-6). Each year, we may have a handful of spaces to fill, but it likely wouldn't be more than 5 or 6 (hopefully!). Sorry I don't have more concrete answers for you!

Warmly,  
Jen

On Thu, May 6, 2021 at 8:10 AM Laurie Cox <lminercox@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Jen,

I am a member of the Ripton Selectboard and the School Committee. As you may be aware, Ripton is working towards becoming an independent school district, separate from ACSD. John Carroll, Chair of the State Board of Education, has requested that Ripton reach out to confirm that there are elementary schools in the area which would have room for Ripton's K-5 students if our independent school ended up not being viable at some point during the next few years. Would you anticipate that the Bridge School would have adequate capacity for some number of Ripton's elementary students? There might, perhaps, be between 30 and 50 although they could attend various area schools. How many would you anticipate you might be able to accommodate?

Thank you for your assistance.  
Laurie Cox

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