**Family Ministry Grade Realignment Plan Vision Doc**

**Bottom Line** – When campuses re-open Family Ministries will realign their grades to best serve families at every stage of their child/students’ development.

**Goals:**

* To maximize this season with aligning grades to best serve families through every stage.
* To use this as a fresh start to re-design our Promotion strategy.
	+ “Moving on Up” would become “Promotion Weekend”
	+ Babies – Toddlers: Promote per developmental milestones
	+ Beginning at age 3 through 12th grade: Promote per birth date on Promotion Weekend.
* Transition kindergartners into the elementary ministry. This allows us to align with Orange curriculum and school districts.
* Transition 5th grade to a 5/6th grade class on the weekend that will meet in the Student room. This allows us to align with many school districts and help families in one of the hardest transition times of a student’s life.
* Transition “Middle School Services” to be 5/6th grade on the weekend.
* Transition Student Night to be 7-12th Grade focused. This allows us to hone in our “target audience” and address “tougher” subjects as needed.

**FAQ’s**

* **Why would we combine 5/6th grade on the weekend?**

Several Reasons

* With moving Kindergarten to Elementary it would result in an elementary kid being in the same environment for 6 years. 5th graders who spend years in CedarCreek Kids often outgrow the experience which shows through their lack of participation on the weekends and their lack of attendance. This change would give them a new experience and increase the probability they would transition well into Student Ministry.
* There is a lack of space in CC kids at several campuses during heavily attended services. This will help us re-structure how to best use our space.
* Having a place for 6th grade on the weekend allows Student Nights to focus on 7-12th grade and speak to harder subjects.
* **Who would “oversee” the 5/6th grade on the weekend?**

The Campus Director of Students

* **What precedent is there for combining 5/6th grade?**

Several of the biggest schools in our area, Perrysburg, Anthony Wayne, and Oregon, have a 5/6th grade “intermediate” school and many churches do a 5/6th type of combination. In the academic world there is a great amount of discussion about what is best for 6th grade: <https://www.publicschoolreview.com/blog/should-sixth-grade-be-in-elementary-school-or-middle-school>

* **How would this positively affect Student Night?**

We could address and speak to “harder” subjects that 6th grade students may not be ready for yet.

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