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To: Marsha DeGennaro <mdegennaro@woodbridgeps.org>

Marsha ~

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Thanks, Lynn

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From: **Grace Kong** <gkong1@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 9, 2024 at 1:14 PM

Subject: [External Email] Kindergarten start date 2025-26 year

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Cc: Ben Carlson <ben.s.carlson@gmail.com>

Hello Woodbridge Board of Education Members,

It is very nice to meet all of you. Our names are Grace Kong (Carlson) and Ben Carlson. We are the parents of Aidan Carlson (1st grade at Beecher) and Audrey Carlson (PreK at Woodbridge Child Center). Audrey's birthday is September 24th, just after the new cutoff for Kindergarten. We would like to request an exception for Audrey so that she can start Kindergarten in 2025.

We feel that Audrey is ready to join the kindergarten class in 2025. She has been in daycare since she was seven months old and has always been with children who are starting kindergarten in 2025. We believe she is prepared to begin kindergarten alongside them based on her progress and abilities. We are concerned that an additional year in Pre-K will not provide her with the appropriate level of challenge and stimulation. We believe that she will excel in kindergarten, and we are excited for her to start her academic journey that matches her current developmental status. We have included a letter from Dawn McCue, the Director of Woodbridge Child Care, to provide an additional perspective. We are eager to discuss this matter further and address any questions or concerns you may have.

We appreciate your consideration,

Grace & Ben Carlson

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Dear Ms. Sherman and the Beecher Road School Board of Education,

Audrey Carlson is a preschool student at Woodbridge Child Center and will move to Pre-K on August 26th, 2024. Although Audrey was born September 24th, just after the cutoff for Kindergarten, I agree with Audrey's parents, Ben Carlson and Grace Kong (Carlson), that Audrey will be more than ready to join that class in 2025. I have known Audrey since she started here as a baby and feel she is developmentally, emotionally, socially, and academically on par with her peers and her two best friends, who will all join the Kindergarten Class of 2025. If held back due to her birthday and forced to repeat Pre-K, I worry she will not maintain her developmental trajectory. I am happy to speak with you further on this topic. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,
Dawn McCue,
Director, Woodbridge Child Center