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Lynn A. Piascyk, Chair  
Woodbridge Board of Education  
40 Beecher Road – South  
Woodbridge, CT 06525

Vonda Tencza, Superintendent  
Woodbridge School District  
40 Beecher Road – South  
Woodbridge, CT 06525

Dear Chair Piascyk and Superintendent Tencza:

I have received your January 31, 2023 letter regarding the Woodbridge Board of Education's recent decision to eliminate two seats for New Haven students in Woodbridge Schools as a part of the State of Connecticut's Open Choice program due to an allegation that New Haven does not adequately reimburse the Woodbridge School District for the cost for special education.

We would like to discuss this matter directly with the full Woodbridge School Board. I plan on attending the next Board of Education meeting on Monday, February 27, 2023 with several staff members from New Haven Public Schools. While we understand that there will be an opportunity address the Board during public comment, we suggest it would be more appropriate to have specific time allotted for this discussion. I therefore request to be placed on the agenda for the next Board of Education meeting.

Thank you for your consideration. Please advise.

Very truly yours,

Justin Elicker  
Mayor

Cc: Woodbridge Board of Education  
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