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Dear Woodbridge Board of Education,

I am a parent of a MAG student and I have been extremely concerned with the proposed process for the replacement of one of the founding adult MAG teachers, Ms. Louise Golden.

The current hiring system that allows only 2 teachers on the hiring committee for new teachers is reasonable for the regularly classroom. It should be recognized that the MAG program is different from the standard classroom, and that hiring a new adult teacher for this program should also look different. The core of the MAG program is working together.

I am profoundly concerned that the WBOE and current administration do not understand or value what they have in the MAG program. Just as Woodbridge values equity, diversity, and inclusivity in the community. This should also be reflected in our schools as well. The adult MAG teachers work so closely together that ALL need to be included in the hiring process.

For 30+ years the MAG program has thrived. Despite all the challenges over the years, i.e., a global pandemic, remote learning, changing security restrictions, and so much more, the MAG adult teachers have worked TOGETHER to ensure the continued success and excellence of the MAG program by being true to its core values. The MAG adult teachers have continued to nurture highly educated, well-rounded students who love to learn.

I would urge the Woodbridge Board of Education to consider the uniqueness and value of the MAG program. Show our children that you support them and this amazingly unique program that brings so much to Beecher Road School and this community by including ALL of the remaining adult MAG educators in the decision to hire a new member of their team.

Respectfully,

Andrea Siksay

Parent of MAG 2 student

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