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[External Email] Letter of Public Comment for WBOE Meeting 4/24/24

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Dear Woodbridge Board of Education,

I am a parent of a MAG student and am highly concerned with the proposed process for the replacement of one of the beloved and founding adult MAG teachers, Ms. Louise Golden. I am fairly new to Woodbridge, having chosen to move here specifically for the school system. The MAG program is unparalleled in public school systems not only statewide but nationwide, and is indeed a jewel in the Woodbridge crown of education. It provides an opportunity for students to learn in a nonconventional way, yet still be a part of the amazing Woodbridge school district. With the emphasis on pass-it-along teaching and MAG ancestry, not only is MAG helping to shape the current generation of learners, but it will continue to contribute to future generations of this community, helping to ensure the longevity of Woodbridge's excellence in education.

It needs to be recognized that the MAG program is different from the standard graded programs, and that hiring a new adult teacher for this program will indeed look different than hiring an educator for a different part of the school district. The core of the MAG program is working together. The MAG program exemplifies this by its teachers interacting and collaborating on a seamless basis as a team. ALL need to be included in the hiring process. For 32 years MAG has flourished. Despite a global pandemic, remote learning, changing security restrictions, and more, the MAG adult teachers have all worked together to ensure the continuity and excellence of the MAG program, being true to its core values and most importantly continuing to produce highly educated, well rounded, amazing students who are eager to learn and support their community.

I urge the Woodbridge Board of Education to consider the uniqueness and value of the MAG program, and include ALL of the adult MAG educators in the decision to hire a new member of their closely knit team. Show our children equity in action by fully supporting a unique program that brings so much to this community.

Respectfully and appreciatively,
Shary Parker
Parent of MAG 2 student