



WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

40 Beecher Road – South
Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525

Jonathan S. Budd, Ph.D. – Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

TO: Woodbridge Board of Education
FROM: Jonathan S. Budd, Ph.D., Superintendent
DATE: January 13, 2022
RE: Approval of Open Choice Seats for 2022/23

The Open Choice program, administered by ACES with the aim of enhancing diversity and equity in the State of Connecticut, enables some students from New Haven to attend Beecher Road School at this Board's discretion. Currently, 18 students participate in our Open Choice program; that threshold enables the District to receive a base grant of \$4,000 per student, which is applied to our Transportation budget. Our current 18 students are distributed as follows:

Grade	# of Open Choice students
Kindergarten	6
1	1
2	1
3	3
4	1
5	2
6	4
TOTAL	18

It is my recommendation that the Board authorize a continued enrollment of 18 Open Choice students in the Woodbridge School District, replacing the 4 students who will graduate Grade 6 with 4 new students in Kindergarten. This will maintain the programmatic and fiscal advantages we see in Open Choice, and is reasonable based on current class size projections.

Therefore, I recommend that the Board of Education support the following motion:

Move that we adopt the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize a continued enrollment of 18 Open Choice students in the Woodbridge School District, replacing the 4 students who will graduate Grade 6 with 4 new students in Kindergarten.