

# Parent Letter for 8/17 BOE Mtg.

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**Kate Oliver**

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to me

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Dear Woodbridge Board of Education,

After reading the most recent letter from Beecher Rd. teachers we were moved to write. As parents, we too are faced with an impossible choice. We can keep our children home, away from support, friends and teachers to be taught remotely by an unknown teacher who may be spread quite thin or we can send our children into school where they will face restriction after restriction being enforced by their beloved yet rightfully anxious teachers. There is no “normal” for these kids whether at home or at school.

Please listen to your teachers. Where would Beecher Rd. be without them? Beecher Rd. school is a place full of teachers with a depth of experience unusual for a public school of its size. They have been thoughtfully hired and trained. We must respect their professionalism and best judgment. We have always done so and now should be no different.

We don't need to fully agree with our teachers in order to support them. Before this pandemic we have sent our children into school day after day trusting that teachers will use their best judgement when working with our children. We don't always agree. Yet, we send our children in again the next day. That is because our teachers are professionals. They have our kids best interests at heart. Of that we have no doubt. We urge the Board to seriously listen to what your teachers are telling you.

Respectfully,

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