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[External Email] Public comment for WBOE SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS DRAFT OF SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN

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To the members of the Board of Education,

It is imperative that the school reopen in the fall. Both my wife and I work full-time in order to afford the house that we purchased in Woodbridge so that our children could benefit from the great education system that you have built. Without in-person schooling, there simply isn't a way to make the math work for us both to go to our jobs while providing care for our kids. Working from home isn't an option due to our professions and we will not be able to afford to live here off of one salary alone.

We know that you will be hearing from people telling you that schools should remain closed. If those people would like to homeschool, let them, but understand the impact that you will have on at least a portion of Woodbridge residents should you choose not to reopen. And if the prospect of losing us doesn't give rise to concern, then we appeal to your need for sustainable tax revenue. We pay taxes just like everyone else.

Finally, as much as we think we are great and we love our children, parents are not substitutes for teachers. One of our children has an IEP and has a hard time with school as it is. My wife and I have three masters degrees between us, but our daughters need in-person help that we are simply not qualified nor capable of providing. It was a bruising 3-months in the Spring and we do not think it is in anyone's best interest to repeat it.

Sincerely,

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