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Dear Staff, Parents and Guardians:

I wanted to share with you an important announcement regarding our METCO program.

This past Friday, Ms. Mabel Reid-Wallace, our METCO Director for the past nineteen years, announced her decision to move on from her position in Wayland on June 30, 2019. In those nineteen years, Ms. Reid-Wallace has done invaluable work for the district. She has been a trusted and passionate advisor, mentor and advocate for our students and their families. She has also provided great support to Wayland in its efforts to become the welcoming and nurturing community that it is for all of its families.

The next Director has big shoes to fill. Not only will he or she have to follow Ms. Reid-Wallace, the next Director will play a crucial role in leading us into our next chapter as a METCO District. METCO is a program that is a fundamental part of the Wayland culture and educational experience. By bringing two communities together in our town, it enables our children from Boston and Wayland to learn from diverse perspectives and, as a result, find their own voice. It is a program whose impact our staff and I are profoundly committed to maintain and deepen.

As a result, we need to find an outstanding METCO Director. We are grateful that Ms. Reid-Wallace has given us the time to have a careful search process and a smooth transition. I have asked Parry Graham, our Assistant Superintendent, to lead the search process. We have begun advertising for candidates. Soon, we will ask staff, our Boston and Wayland families, students, and administrators to join a committee that will review resumes and select finalists from whom I will make a final choice. As part of the process, we will meet with families in Boston to build a profile of what the District should have in the next Director. We will also have the finalists meet with families in Wayland and in Boston to ensure that we have a clear sense of our parents' opinions about the candidates. We expect the new Director to be selected in early April.

If you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-358-3774 at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Arthur Unobskey, Superintendent  
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