

June 17, 2020

Dear Wayland Special Education Teachers and Staff,

On behalf of the Wayland SEPAC membership, we thank you for all you have done and are doing to make it possible for our children to keep learning and growing during this unusual and challenging time. When everything changed, you hardly missed a beat. We see you, your care, your commitment, and, yes, your exhaustion, and we thank you.

Thank you for the time and thought you put into working with our children. Thank you for your countless hours of care and worry on their behalf – your sensitivity to their needs and struggles. Thank you for speaking up for them when their voices do not carry or they just can't express themselves in the way they would like. Thank you for listening when it's all too much for them – or us. Thank you for seeing our concerns as valid and working with us to find positive solutions. Thank you for keeping an open mind as we all work together to support our children and their learning. Thank you for having the difficult conversations, and the light-hearted ones, too. Thank you for showing up and coming on this journey with us every single day!

We are lucky to have such a dedicated and dynamic group of educators for our children! We hope that you will all have the chance to rest and regroup in the coming weeks of summer - even if it's in stolen moments. See you in the fall!

Sincere regards,

Wayland SEPAC Board and Membership

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