To: Woodbridge Planning & Zoning Commission

From: John W. Knuff

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Re.:   Woodbridge School Enrollment

Beecher Road School is the only public elementary school in Woodbridge, Connecticut, serving all students in kindergarten through sixth grade. As such, it provides a clear and complete picture of the town's public elementary enrollment trends.

Contrary to recent claims suggesting a dramatic increase in elementary enrollment, objective data from both the Connecticut State Department of Education and the National Center for Education Statistics show a consistent and stable enrollment pattern over the past several years. Specifically, total enrollment at Beecher Road School has remained in a relatively narrow range between 817 and 882 students from the 2018–2019 through the 2023–2024 school years[1]:

School Year	Total Enrollment
2018-2019	843
2019-2020	838
2020-2021	816
2021-2022	846
2022-2023	847
2023-2024	882
2024-2025	862

These fluctuations are modest and reflect typical year-to-year demographic shifts—not a dramatic or sustained increase. For example, the peak enrollment during this period, 882 students for the 2023-2024 school year, represents an increase of only 39 students over a seven-year period (approximately 4%). In fact, student enrollment for the most recent school year actually *decreased* from the previous year—further demonstrating that Woodbridge's student enrollment trends are consistent with gradual population changes.

In short, Beecher Road School enrollment has remained steady, and the data clearly contradicts any assertion of a recent surge.

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[1] Enrollment data for Beecher Road School from 2018–2019 through 2023-2024 are sourced from the Connecticut State Department of Education's "Profile and Performance Reports," available via EdSight (edsight.ct.gov). The 2024–2025 enrollment figure (862 students) is reported on the Connecticut Report Card for Beecher Road School, published by EdSight (https://edsight.ct.gov).