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School Committee Summit PRESS RELEASE

The Wayland School Committee is inviting the community to provide input into its long range planning process. It has scheduled a **School Committee Summit**, to be held at the high school, on **Sunday, September 21, from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM**. The Committee is asking for interested citizens to gather together at this time to discuss key topics of importance relating to the future of schooling in Wayland. These plans are designed to coordinate with the town-wide long range planning project initiated by the Town Finance Committee.

Based on its ongoing discussions about the school system's annual goals, the Committee identified five key topics of interest which will give the Summit direction and focus. Each topic, listed below, will be discussed during the Summit's break-out sessions:

1. **Raising the Bar** -- This will encompass a discussion about personalizing learning and, in particular, serving the needs of students "in the middle."
2. **Enhancing the Curriculum** -- This will encompass areas where there has been an expressed wish for new or expanded curricula, such as world languages in the elementary school or more writing instruction.
3. **Promoting Health and Wellness** -- This will include aspects of school programming that promote social/emotional learning and reflection on healthy relationships.
4. **Employing Technology** -- This will include a discussion of the use of instructional technology at all levels and its future potential.
5. **Exploring Early Childhood Education** -- This will include a discussion of early childhood programs and full day kindergarten.

In order to keep these discussions grounded, each of these break-out sessions will incorporate a discussion of resources – explicitly in terms of time and money – relative to the topic under consideration.

Please, save the date and consider joining the School Committee for what promises to be an engaging afternoon.