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Dear Superintendent Cremascoli, President Schneider-Fabes and D39 Board of Education Members,

The LWV-Wilmette commends the D39 Board for continuing to meet and address the complex and ever-changing issues around education during a global public health crisis along with other more typical issues facing a high performing school district.

As we are all aware, there is significant community interest in the discussions the BOE is having, the information it is sharing, and the decisions it is making. During this pandemic, community members are reliant on remote access to the meetings in order to stay informed and give meaningful input on issues you are considering. With that in mind, we request that the Committee of the Whole (COW) Meetings be available via contemporaneous and recorded video stream and that materials discussed during the COW be posted on-line before the meeting. As consistent meeting attendees, our observers can confirm that "attending" a board meeting via audio recording is difficult, especially without access to documents. Aside from not being able to identify speakers in an audio recording, it is difficult to follow along when speakers are referencing a slideshow that listeners cannot see, or when referencing documents that the public has not had access to. While we understand that these documents are in draft form, meant for discussion purposes, the public should also have the opportunity to comment on drafts while there is still a meaningful opportunity to shape them.

We believe that adopting these practices for the D39 COW meetings will improve communication and information flow with the community, and enable community members to react and respond from an informed perspective.

Thank you again for your work as you navigate these challenging times.

Warm regards,  
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