

Dear Wheeler Magnet Family,

As I am sure you have heard, there have been some drastic cuts to our Wheeler faculty and staff over the past few weeks. Several of our teachers and support staff have been informed that they will not have jobs at Wheeler next year. We are all deeply saddened by this news. I want to let you know a few important things and dispel a few rumors.

1. I can guarantee you that the Magnet Program will go on and continue to maintain the academic excellence it has had for the past 10 years. Believe it or not, we have faced similar challenges in the past with loss of faculty (for reasons different than the current situation), but we have always made it through, and we will make it through again.
2. We are ***not*** canceling any of our courses. We will continue to offer the same courses we have always offered. Though some critical teachers have been cut, we will find a way to continue to offer the curriculum for which our Magnet Program is so well known and respected. We hope we will be able to re-hire the same teachers, but there is no guarantee.
3. We ***LOVE*** our teachers and staff who have been cut. We desperately want them to remain at Wheeler, and we will do everything that we can to make that happen. Within the current process in the county, there will be an opportunity for some of the teachers and staff who have been cut to be re-hired. However, this is no guarantee that we will be able to get back the teachers we have lost.
4. There will be enough teachers at Wheeler to teach all of our classes, including all of the Magnet classes.
5. These drastic cuts have occurred in schools all over Cobb County. It is not just Wheeler that is feeling these effects.

I am asking you to stay strong during this trying time. I have received so many emails and messages from the Wheeler Magnet families offering to help however they can. It is the strength of our Wheeler family that makes me confident that we will get through this challenging time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. I urge you to research and ask questions about the process, as there are many rumors floating around that simply are not true.

I am here for you all, and we will continue to maintain and develop our Wheeler Magnet Program, and our goal to lead the nation in STEM education remains our vision. We would also ask that you please press on and encourage other students, parents, and families that we will be okay. Wheeler Magnet is a family, and we will work through this situation together to maintain our level of excellence and continue to lead the way in STEM education.

Sincerely,

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