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To the Members of the Malden City Council,

I strongly oppose the Mayor's proposal to appoint Mr. Jeffrey Donahue to the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School Committee without a public posting. This violates the Council's own policy requiring that all vacancies be posted openly. Residents were denied the chance to apply, and the process was hidden from public view.

Mr. Donahue was a recent candidate who lost in the preliminary election for Ward 4 School Committee. Appointing him—only weeks after voters rejected him—without any public process creates the appearance of a political favor, not a transparent appointment made in the city's best interest.

This regional role is too important to fill behind closed doors. The Council must insist on a public posting so that all qualified Malden residents can be considered. Anything less sets a damaging precedent.

Thank you for your attention and your commitment to accountability.

Sincerely,
Mohammad Abutaha
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