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Editor
Voices

To the Editor,

At the Region 14 public hearing on January 8, I asked, "Will you reconsider moving Bethlehem's 5th grade to Woodbury Middle School?" I have ten reasons why this compromise is better than reconfiguration. Please go to www.saveregion14elementary.com to read these reasons.

Here are only a couple of points that Dr. Cronin and the Board of Education revealed to the public for the first time last night. School days at both Woodbury Middle School and Nonnewaug High School will be shortened to make this plan work. NHS' school day will be decreased by at least 20 minutes every day. How is this plan educationally sound?

As few as six children may be riding one school bus in order to make this plan work. Put your political views aside and watch Al Gore's documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*. Then ask how this plan will affect the earth? How is this plan environmentally sound?

They still don't have answers to important questions. More than once last night, the answer to questions was, "I don't know."

If you ask me how they can possibly forge forth with this plan, my answer is "I don't know." Reconfiguration is fiscally irresponsible, educationally unsound, and environmentally harmful.

Sincerely,

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