

Scrap Reconfiguration

To the Editor:

The decision by our new superintendent to reconfigure Region 14 without a public vote and the approval of this plan by the Board of Education should be scrapped.

Any proposal of this magnitude should be settled by a vote by the people, for the people, in both communities. Sounds like a democracy, doesn't it?

The stubborn, arrogant approach of our superintendent and a "yes sir" Board of Education borders on foolishness. A bigger picture of what's better for both towns, independent of educational issues, should be considered.

When weighing the pros and cons of the decision, irrational is the word that comes to mind. The out-sourcing of our youngest students and shortened school days for the high school and middle school top the ever-growing list of negatives.

Would any of the Board of Education members or the superintendent support this silly plan if they were directly affected by it? I doubt it.

If our new superintendent and this "puppet" Board of Education thought more creatively, they would come to a better conclusion.

We should keep Bethlehem Elementary School as is with upgrades and move Mitchell School to the middle school where the fifth grade already is. This allows the town of Woodbury to bond the purchase of Mitchell School as a town hall.

Don't we now spend lots of money to rent office space in Woodbury? How short-sighted and silly.

If they spent as much time and effort to find a way to build a new middle school in either town and not try to reconfigure everything in sight, it just might make more fiscal sense.

Put it to a vote and let the outcome of that referendum by the people, for the people, be the road to take. That sounds like a democracy at work.

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