

On to the Real Issue

To the Editor:

In the May 16 issue of Voices, Amy LoPresti and Daniel Poor expressed their shock and dismay about the alleged attempts to thwart the school budget by Families for Region 14.

Please allow me to put your worries to rest. FFR14 has never endorsed or condemned the school budget.

Our group is well aware that the Board of Education can shift money around at will in spite of Mr. Cosgriff's much-touted line item budget. If these two folks weren't aware of that before, now they should be.

Mr. Poor astutely points out that "this budget had nothing to do with reconfiguration." FFR14 completely agrees with him. Given the board's ability to freely move funds, it can hardly be deciphered what the budget is for.

Essentially the budget is a blank check for 28 million we are asked to sign. Some may have opted to sign that check and others may not have. That is their right and one of the few they have in a regional school district.

Families for Region 14 would not presume to impose a sweeping directive on an issue that is unrelated to our cause.

The budget passed folks. It's ancient history and you won a fight that we were not even in. Congratulations. Now let's move on to our real issue.

We chose the name of our group with care. We are Families for Region 14. We are for community schools, for a sound education and advocacy for those that have been marginalized in recent months.

We are for granting those families a choice and now we all have one. Please vote yes to keep our kids in the community and the sense of community in our kids. Vote yes in the upcoming referendum.

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