

Editor's Note: The following letter, which was sent via e-mail to Region 14 Superintendent Richard Cronin, with copies to Board of Education Chairman John Howard and the Save Region 14 Elementary Schools organization, was received by Voices for publication.

Dear Mr. Cronin:

In light of the fact that federal law now requires that school buses be retrofitted with equipment that removes toxic diesel emissions from the passenger cabins, have you contacted Region 14's bus contractor to begin formulating a timetable for accomplishing this work on our buses?

If not, I suggest that you do so post haste. In the unlikely event that your ill-conceived reconfiguration plan (and the inevitable bus rides of extended duration), passes the impending referendum, we need to take action now in a concerted effort to preclude any unnecessary exposure of our children to this clearly identified health threat.

Incidentally, state funding for this specific endeavor will soon be available. Thank you for your attentiveness.

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