

## Not So Subtle Effort

To the Editor:

In his May 16 letter to the editor, Mr. Poor, a member of the pro-reconfiguration clique, falsely accuses Families for Region 14 leaders of agitating the defeat of the May 8 school budget, highjacking meetings and filing lawsuits.

In fact, Erica Barber, president of Families for Region 14, took a neutral position on the school budget and was quoted in the Waterbury Republican commending the school board for putting forth a fair budget; a fair budget that can probably be linked to the scrutiny families for Region 14 has exercised over this board for the last several months.

It would hardly have been worthwhile to defeat the school budget on the grounds that it contained funding for reconfiguration. Dr. Cronin indicated several times publicly that even if voters disapproved of the funds allocated for reconfiguration, they would simply transfer funds from another category. Scary but true.

As for "highjacked" meetings and lawsuits, if participating in board meetings is akin to a "highjacking" then all concerned parents in this region risk finding themselves accused when they speak for their children.

Lawsuits? There is not and has never been a lawsuit brought by this group or by any individual in relation to the pending reconfiguration. Despite the fact that there is a strong indication that the board is acting unlawfully, FFR14 has gone out of their way to engage the democratic process through letters, petitioning and now referendum.

It seems as though there is a not so subtle effort being made by the pro-reconfiguration clique to silence those that question or disagree with them by subjecting those parents to unfair allegations and accusations.

I challenge Mr. Poor and the reconfiguration clique to focus their energies on offering us some insight on what they like about reconfiguration rather than what they don't like about those who question it.

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