

## Opposes Reconfiguration

To the Editor:

I am the mother of three children currently attending Region 14 and have been a resident of Woodbury since 1998. Initially, I was in favor of the BOE's plan for reconfiguration, but have since changed my position and am opposed, as I do not believe that the BOE has presented irrefutable facts that our children will have an improved educational experience as a result thereof.

I appreciate the efforts of Dr. Cronin and the BOE, who work tirelessly for our children, but this plan is seriously flawed. Moreover, I have seen nothing that warrants such a radical shift and upheaval in our community schools.

I am astounded by the fact reconfiguration will give Woodbury the dubious distinction of being, to my knowledge, the only town in the state of Connecticut that fails to provide a school for its own children at the lowest grades.

While this statistic is certainly compelling in and of itself, its impact is far-reaching, from lower property values to unnecessarily long bus rides.

Most importantly, young families looking to buy homes will less likely be attracted to Woodbury as we will no longer have a community school at the primary level. I don't know how any of us in Woodbury can be proud of that.

Please vote yes on June 12 to keep our kids in our community and a sense of community in our kids.

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