

Subject: Education District Map - Waterford - Thank You
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Dear Senator Bongartz and Members of the Senate Committee,

Thank you for your service and for your thoughtful work on this committee. I am a resident of Waterford in Caledonia County, and a parent of an elementary school student at Waterford School who will attend our nearest high school, St. Johnsbury Academy... assuming the final outcomes of Act 73 do not remove Waterford's more than century-long access to our local high school.

I am writing in advance of today's committee hearing to say thank you to Senator Bongartz and the Senate Committee for introducing a proposed map that places Waterford in a district with St. Johnsbury.

When the Senate and House eventually come together on Act 73 proposed maps, Waterford must be included in a district with our neighbors, St. Johnsbury.

As you have likely heard from many Waterford constituents, we are deeply concerned about the map introduced by Rep Conlon in the Assembly committee that absurdly separates Waterford from St. Johnsbury, the town next to ours where our families work and live our daily lives. This is not what the residents of Waterford want.

For generations, Waterford families have relied on access to St. Johnsbury Academy, our local high school where our students have found opportunity and strong academic and technical programs. Many of us have chosen to come back to raise our families in Waterford specifically because this access exists.

Thank you for recognizing that our current school access works... and has worked well for generations and is cost-effective, safe, and logical. Thank you for introducing a map that more accurately reflects the needs and wants of our community and preserves access to our nearest high school.

Respectfully,
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Waterford