

Subject: Act 73 impacts on Waterford community

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Hello,

I am writing to you as a concerned Vermont resident. I currently live in the town of Waterford and have 2 school aged children that will have their lives directly impacted by the Act 73 decisions to remap our district.

As a working family, I find it challenging to maintain a household in Vermont with the current school hours and lack of transportation already available (we have been without a bus for months now). I find it completely unreasonable to think that families will be able to add an additional 20-30 min (one way commute) to Danville or Blue Mountain schools and maintain a healthy balance with their employer. As a nurse, I do not have the flexibility to make these accommodations.

I am a Danville alumnus and graduated in the year 2006. I am proud of the community I was brought up in and I was an active student on the honor roll. I also played sports throughout high school and was active in the local community. I assure you that Danville school is not the school that I once attended. It has been made known to me that the Danville School is riddled with behavioral issues. It is also very well known that the k-12 model is not applicable in the 21st century. The safety of my children is nonnegotiable. This is the primary reason why I choose to relocate from New Hampshire back to a school choice town in the Northeast Kingdom.

I have deep roots in the northeast kingdom and I'm saddened that our community's opinion is an afterthought to this decision. I am asking you to please reconsider and allow our town to continue to have school choice.

Thank you for your time,

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