

Focus on Important

Issues First

To the Editor:

The Region 14 Board of Education has the eyes of the community like never before. Whether for or against reconfiguration, community members should want to see children get the best education possible.

The board hired Dr. Cronin because they believe he will do the best job for our children, but they haven't given him a chance to begin that task.

Instead, they gave him an impossible situation that resulted in the plan to reconfigure schools which seems to take up every waking (and perhaps sleeping moment) of Dr. Cronin's life.

Dr. Cronin has never been given the time to come into Region 14, assess each school and make changes slowly. He hasn't been given the time to address serious issues of Region 14.

Despite attempts over the last three years, for example, the curriculum still isn't aligned. Region 14 is moving forward with a plan that is taking all his resources and time.

A sound education should be first and foremost on Dr. Cronin's agenda, not reconfiguration.

This region lost a considerable amount of educational resources during past years. Each year, the budget chips away at the extras that used to define us as an excellent educational community.

Our children had a "full plate" of educational opportunities, now they are left with crumbs. When will we stop endorsing mediocrity and raise the academic bar?

What will it take to develop an academic environment that once again makes us proud?

I urge this BOE to take a step back, reconsider the reconfiguration, and focus on the important issues first. Parents often know what is best for their family.

Are Region 14 BOE members even aware of the large numbers of parents that have lost complete faith in them and decided to educate their children elsewhere? Those numbers speak volumes.

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