

## Details Amendment Language

To the Editor:

The amendment we have proposed that will be voted on Tuesday, June 12 in Woodbury proposes that we amend the 1968 plan to provide that we will "continue to educate and house grades K-5 in K-5 Elementary school buildings in both Bethlehem and Woodbury unless and until both towns by referenda further amend the plan."

This language is taken directly from the regionalization plan that formed this region over 40 years ago. It's a very conservative amendment with the only added provision being that any attempt to change the stated configuration must be done by referendum vote.

At the recent town meeting, Superintendent Cronin misstated the implications of our amendment by implying that it would force all Woodbury kids to attend Woodbury schools and all Bethlehem kids to attend only Bethlehem School.

This is absolutely incorrect. Our amendment has absolutely no bearing on the Woodbury children that currently attend BES; they would continue to do so under our amendment. In addition, the amendment allows for any redistricting that might need to occur in the future.

Further, the enrollment numbers stated by Dr. Cronin as a result of our amendment are also incorrect. The actual enrollment would be roughly 543 at Mitchell and 317 at BES, which is not so bad considering that Mitchell has almost double the square footage.

I have heard that some board members are confused about the amendment and are repeating Dr. Cronin's incorrect information. I hope I have clarified it for everyone.

I have to assume that members of the board and the administration have either not read our proposed amendment or there is a deliberate attempt being made to mislead people. In either case, I find it disturbing.

Please vote yes Tuesday, June 12, to interject reason and democracy back into Region 14.

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