

Favors School Referendum

To the Editor:

Much to my surprise, I woke up one morning to realize we in Region 14 are living in 1763. The Board of Education's implementation of reconfiguration is much the same as Parliament's taxes imposed on the original 13 colonies.

During that time the complaint wasn't the amount of taxes one had to pay, but the decision-making process by which the taxes would be decided, without representation from the colonists in the British Parliament.

We are now experiencing the same lack of representation here in Woodbury and Bethlehem. How on earth can the BOE decide such an enormous issue without bringing it to referendum?

We, as parents, have a right to be heard, and denying us this fundamental right is unconstitutional.

In a recent article in the Waterbury Republican, board member John Howard stated the board's stance to implement the plan was well within legal bounds and it is "not authorized to delegate this duty directly to town residents."

Well I would encourage residents of both towns to get involved and demand referendum, and not let Dr. Cronin and the BOE act like King George III and the British Parliament.

We have the right to vote on issues that affect our lives and not accept the arrogant decisions this board makes without our input. It might just be time for our own Tea Party.

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