

Says Vote Ethical Choice

To the Editor:

Can you imagine, 4 and a 1/2- to 7-year-old children, half asleep at 7 a.m., waiting for a bus, only to face an exhausting 45-minute ride to a school in another town? To make all that possible we will cut our middle and high school day by 25 minutes.

Is it really critical that some 400 students be "shipped" over 55 miles per day just to "unify the curriculum?" Both towns have caring teachers, who do great things for our children given the present regional format.

We don't need to disrupt the normal routine of this many families simply to force our teachers to work closer together. We have amazing teachers more than willing to do whatever is necessary to unite the curriculum short of a change this drastic.

Have we been told all the facts? What's going on with the big "septic issue" brought up so many times before? We've all seen the big holes at Bethlehem Elementary, the big trucks moving about and the people walking around. For what, there's nothing wrong with the system? So we've been told.

Most band-aids work, for a while. Next year Mitchell will once again reach and exceed its present over-crowded population. Simply put, Mitchell needs to be bigger.

Even the "tax-savvy" and the accountants see problems with this plan. It's simple math and simple common sense.

What frustrates parents the most is how the school board voted on this issue. The vote was done and the decision was made with hardly any parental input or notification.

It may not be "legally necessary" for the BOE to have a referendum, (now that is in doubt), however, everyone in favor of or opposed, can see it is the most ethical thing to do for our communities and even more important, for our children.

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