

April 8, 2014

The voting members of the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union (Brattleboro Town, Dummerston, Guilford, Putney, Vernon, and BUHS #6) urge the legislature to direct an independent analysis of all claims made as the foundation of H833, and to reserve final judgment until such time as all parties involved have had a chance to have their voices heard.

April 7, 2014

The Putney Town School Board has serious reservations regarding H.883. We are concerned for a variety of reasons, principally the lack of data supporting the contentions regarding economic, governance, and academic efficiencies.

The current school funding formula is at the core of this issue, and to state otherwise is disingenuous. For example, this bill makes no distinction between the different types and sizes of school districts across the state. While we certainly support any changes that improve student learning at a reasonable and sustainable cost, we are concerned that this bill virtually guarantees a substantial decrease in local control over budgets and policy, a trusted Vermont tradition.

At this time we urge the legislature to direct an independent analysis of all claims made as the foundation of H833, and to reserve final judgment until such time as all parties involved have had a chance to have their voices heard.

Putney School Board: Alice Laughlin, Chair; Dylan Devlin, Vice-Chair;
Anne Beekman, Clerk; Richard Glejzer, Stephen Bouch

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