

Dear House Education Committee Members,

Yesterday you heard from the superintendents' association, the principals association, the special educators association, the school boards association, superintendents, school board coalition members, and you had letters from your own Rural Economic Development Working Group and Social Equity Caucus. All these Vermonters supported the creation of a taskforce that is singularly charged with creating a plan to implement the findings of the Pupil Weighting Study.

Please amend S 13 to create a taskforce to develop draft legislation implementing empirically correct pupil weights. Please accept Rep. Kornheiser's suggestion to have the report delivered Nov. 15 rather than January. This will allow the legislature to carefully explore the implementation plan and fix this problem before another generation of students go through adequately funded public schools.

Sincerely,

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