

To Government Operations Committee

On January 25th the Eden BCA had a meeting where we discussed redistricting.

First the board felt very well served by rep. Mark Higley, who is our representative now.

With that said, we were very concerned that the map by the apportionment board was not given more consideration. As it is now, Eden, from Lamoille County is in a 5 town district with all the other towns being in Orleans County. The Apportionment board plan would put Eden in a 1 member district with Hyde Park. We share a county seat, a high school, a sheriffs department and a fire dept with Hyde Park. It even says North Hyde Park / Eden on the fire station.

An Eden / Hyde Park district would have a lot in common. The Eden BCA voted unanimously that this would be the best option.

Also, there was a lot of discussion on 1 member districts and again, it was unanimous that 1 member districts are the fairest.

In today's political world it seems everything is partisan and both sides feel they are doing the right thing, but we believe everyone should agree that 1 member districts are the fairest to give everyone equal representation.

Thanks for your consideration

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H. Bruce Burnor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

H. Bruce Burnor  
Chair, Eden BCA