

Dear Folks,

Thank you for all of your dedication and hard work during this tumultuous budget season in Vermont.

In the wake of an unprecedented number of school district budget defeats, and with consistent public messaging from the Governor and some legislators that the General Assembly must act now to “fix” the problem, the Ways and Means Committee is on a course to approve a yield bill that includes an assortment of policy levers that will not address the root causes of the increase in education costs in Vermont.

The bill under consideration puts the State on a hastily developed path to revise the funding system in ways that will harm equity, add confusion, and make it harder to get school district budgets passed in the future while doing nothing to address the root causes underlying cost increases. Please, before you vote, reach out and discuss the additional challenges this bill will create with your local School Boards, Superintendents and Business Managers.

On behalf of my constituents, fellow business colleagues, other administrators and board members caught in the cross hairs of this turmoil, I urge you to please pause and reconsider this approach.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie J. Teague". The signature is fluid and written in black ink.

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