

For The questions about H.454 which is “What do you value most about your current educational experience.” I value being in a school that challenges me and teaches me new things to help me learn important skills for later in life. Sometimes in my school I unfortunately sometimes do not feel like I am being challenged in school because there is such a big learning gap between a lot of students, and that makes it hard for teachers to balance teaching students that are ahead and students that fall behind. I think this is very important to address since I can’t imagine how frustrating it is to be very behind in school.

As for the next question which is “What are your biggest hopes for the future of education in vermont?” My future hope is that our education system, which I would say is not the best right now, gets fixed and provides a learning experience where no students are behind in class. I think this is very important since students who fall behind may never catch up again later on in school and that will lock away certain opportunities that require certain skills. Every student should be able to have access to opportunities by keeping up with class and having the resources to keep up and be proficient in learning.

My school also uses a learning method called restorative practice. I do not support this method since I do not feel that it is very effective and sometimes it takes up time that could be used for learning. For example in my school we have a time called advisory which is 30 minutes long where we are supposed to learn social and emotional skills. I do think this is an important set of skills but I feel that this time could be well spent as a study hall to help with kids falling behind in class.

Thank you