

Subject: Education Redistricting Map: Constituent Concerns - Grand Isle

Dear Ms. Kinney-Landis,

I am writing as a constituent and parent from the town of Grand Isle to share concerns about the proposed draft district map and its impact on families in Grand Isle County.

While I understand the intent to promote equity, the current map does not reflect the geographic realities, transportation routes, bridges location and employment patterns that shape daily life for families in our community.

Simply put, since we live in southern Grand Isle, to attend an High School in Franklin County as per the redrawn map, my children would have to commute across Chittenden County 1, essentially drive in front of Milton High School and keep going for twenty more minutes. I'm sure you can agree it just doesn't make sense.

In fact, for many years, families in Grand Isle County have intentionally chosen schools in Colchester, Essex, South Burlington, and NCCS because those schools align with work locations, childcare needs, transportation routes, and extracurricular opportunities. The schools identified on the draft map do not reflect these long-standing, practical choices.

Chittenden County schools are closer and more accessible to many families in southern Grand Isle County, while NCCS remains a popular choice for families in northern Grand Isle County.

Redirecting students would create longer commutes, increased transportation challenges, and daily disruptions that affect work schedules, after-school care, and family stability.

Most families in southern Grand Isle County work in Chittenden County. School placements that pull families in the opposite direction create real logistical and economic hardship and disproportionately impact working families.

I respectfully urge you to revise the draft map to ensure that families in Grand Isle County retain the option to enroll their children in schools in South Burlington, Colchester, Essex, and NCCS. This flexibility supports students' families and the long-term health of our community.

Thank you for your important work and for considering the voices of the families who are directly affected.

Sincerely,

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