

I cannot attend today's Vt Senate Education Committee visit to White River Valley High School today but I would like to share my perspective regarding the benefit of our current town school structure. My husband and I moved to Sharon 10 years ago when our first child was a toddler knowing that as our family grew our kids would have access to a small community elementary school and then the opportunity for school choice. I know it is an expensive program but the two features of this education structure are essential for the development of children's learning and perfectly match the developmental levels of elementary aged, and teenage children: first they have a nurturing, close-knit, supportive and familiar network of teachers and staff to support them as they grow and learn and then they have the ability to choose a highschool that matches their interests, supports their autonomy and allows for diversifying of their social group if they need it.

I can't speak highly enough of the structure in Sharon. Again, I realize it is an expensive option but I think there is no better investment we can make in our kids.

Thanks for sharing these comments in some capacity, if possible, at today's visit.

With appreciation,  
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