

## 2020 Candidate Questionnaire - School Regionalization - 2 short questions!

As a 2020 candidate for Middletown or Newport Town Councils or School Committee - CITIZENS EXPLORING SCHOOL UNIFICATION is asking ALL candidates to REPLY to 2 questions below. The responses will be published on our website, social media, and with all local media outlets. CANDIDATES who DO NOT RESPOND to the survey - CESU will publish that you DECLINED to participate in the survey. DEADLINE to complete is August 31, 2020, \*if you have questions about this survey - send an email to [info@cesu.news](mailto:info@cesu.news) We will reply within 24-hours.

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What position are you running for? \*

- Town Council
- School Committee

Do you support an updated study of school regionalization between Newport and Middletown? \*

Yes

No

Other: .....

Why OR Why Not? Please describe your position in detail (1,000-word limit)! \*

I am neither for nor against regionalization, what I am for is ensuring that every child and family has the best possible educational opportunities that are both diverse in content and inclusive in its delivery. The question specifically asks if I support an updated study of school regionalization between Newport and Middletown, and I do. I feel that if we are going to continue to reach our youth in their educational journey then we have to explore every option available to ensure the best product is put forward so they can thrive in both a social and academic environment. An updated study does not guarantee regionalization of the school systems, it is a gathering of data, information and facts that outline the pro's and con's related to potentially unifying the school districts. Only once that information has been gathered and presented in a comprehensive way to the citizens in our respective communities, then we will be equipped to make an informed decision. Not a decision based upon assumptions or emotions, but a real decision that is backed in both truth and consequence. Like any corporate merger or acquisition, due diligence is taken before any action to consolidate is considered as industries, products and services must be enhanced in order for those organizations to remain successful. If we cannot improve the outcome or the products being offered, then the movement to consolidate is not undertaken. There is no difference in this case and by conducting an updated study we will be participating in the due diligence process.

I know that the question of unification was put on the ballot in the past. I believe that Newport voted for and Middletown voted against (both were by very narrow margins). This data point is not trivial as it shows that information was missing in order for the voters to make an informed decision. I have already spoken with some voters who feel that unification was and is a bad idea, so I inquired why they believed that was the case. Not surprisingly, their opinion was based out of an emotional response, their opinions were not based upon what the outcomes of unifying could or would accomplish because that information was not readily available. A sound decision on creating future opportunities for our youth must be made with real data and information. I cannot stress this point enough; we need sound and accurate information to guide the public so they can make an informed decision for the future of our children. Conducting a study of school regionalization is that first step.

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