

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 We will reply within 24-hours.

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First and Last Name *

Thomas A. Heaney, Jr.

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 support a review of the current school system in order to improve on the education the town provides to all the school age children in Middletown. We want Middletown to have the best school system possible. A good school system is a big draw for families deciding on relocating. However, due to the way the current state regulation governing education and the formation (establishment) of regional school districts (TITLE 16 Education, CHAPTER 16-3, Establishment of Regional School Districts) I can't support the review if the town loses control of the review. Again, I support a review of the Middletown schools system, by a Middletown Town Council and Middletown School Committee appointed board or subcommittee.

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