



## **Caledonia Cooperative School District**

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Dear Representative Conlon and House Committee,

I write on behalf of the Caledonia Cooperative School District and deeply concerned parents and residents regarding the recently proposed redistricting map. Our community is upset and frustrated. Many of the families who send their children to our schools are alumni of St. Johnsbury Academy and Lyndon Institute and purposely returned to this area so their children could attend the same schools. Others purchased property here specifically to preserve the option for their children to choose our schools. Those choices matter.

Redrawing district boundaries without meaningful community input undermines that choice. Families moved here—and invested here—because they believed they would have access to certain educational opportunities for their children. Removing or severely limiting those options feels like a betrayal of that trust.

We urge you to listen to the communities most affected:

- Provide clear, detailed explanations of the decision-making criteria and data used.
- Solicit and seriously consider alternatives proposed by parents, educators, and local leaders.
- Delay final approval until community feedback has been gathered and addressed.

If this map moves forward unchanged, it risks more than short-term anger. It has the potential to drive a mass exodus of families from Vermont as parents seek stability and schooling options elsewhere. That outcome would harm our children, our schools, and the social and economic fabric of our towns.

Please act with transparency, humility, and a genuine commitment to the families you serve. Respect parental choice and the investments families have made in our community. We are ready to work with you constructively—but we ask that our voices be heard and that any final plan protects the educational choices families came here to secure.

Sincerely,

Jason Miller

CCSD School Board Chair

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