

Chairman and Committee,

I feel the changing of Senate Bill 2158 to all for the county committee to distribute funds from a dissolved school district before refunding the funds to taxpayers is unfair. Attending the public meetings on dissolving the school district there were many landowners that did not want the funds to go to a community in which they would not benefit from a building and \$500,000 cash, when the school district is comprised of 5 separate towns/communities. The funds should be refunded to the taxpayers and if such taxpayers CHOOSE to donate their funds to the community that is their choice.

The taxpayers have in good faith, paid their taxes, for the betterment of the education of the children. With the economic times and the increasing cost of running a school system and the difficulty of finding and retaining teachers, wouldn't these funds be better distributed to the school districts that the children were redirected to?

Shouldn't ALL communities that have children attend the school that paid taxes to support the school benefit, not JUST ONE community. There were many land owners and tax payers not present at the meetings for the fact many were not aware of the school boards true intentions, nor do they live in the area to even be able to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

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