

Chairman and Committee members

I am a landowner in the former Edmore School District. We also lease a fair amount of land in the former district from out of the area land owners. I am having a hard time supporting the gift of \$500000 to the community of Edmore. These are tax payer and state aid dollars, not community dollars, and they belong to the education of the children of the whole district or where those children now attend school. It feels to me, the majority of these funds would be better served as a refund to the taxpayer. Let the taxpayers decide where the money goes. If they want to give to the Edmore community, that then is their choice. Maybe \$100000 would be a better amount to help with the upkeep at the school. Like any other small community trying to stay afloat has to do, there are other sources of funding to work and apply for if the community feels that strongly about it. There are several other communities within the old district with the same problem. Giving all the funds to one doesn't seem fair.

This bill is setting a precedence for future situations in other school districts with very similar issues that are coming in the near future as enrollment continues to decline in the rural settings.

Thank You for your consideration to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Shirek", written in a cursive style.

John Shirek

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