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Hi Dan and Jennifer,

I'm the chair of the Granville-Hancock Unified District school board, and am asking you not to further expand our already behemoth-sized supervisory union. The small non-operating district of Granville-Hancock is already a tiny district in a massive SU, and we're lucky that a capable central office staff provides budget administration and registrar services. That said, the staff is already overworked and managing yet another budget and building would threaten those resources for us. To that end, our families and especially our children can not afford to be fighting an even bigger school population for attention.

Further, as a member of the SU board representing not just my district but all SU towns, I closely review the annual SU budget and the budgets of other SU districts, which already ask as much as we can of taxpayers. One benefit of a unified SU is the ability to share resources, which would be impossible for the distance between Lincoln and Strafford. This would result in the need for more hires and, for many districts, a corresponding budget increase. I cannot in good conscience advocate for the further burden on the working families of our towns. Our district has been in turmoil since the mergers several years ago and is only now finding its footing — please leave our SU at its manageable size.

I'm happy to discuss further at 917.488.5328.

Stacey Peters

cc WRVSU board chair Kathy Galuzzo