



Community Input



Once a ConVal elementary school has less than ____ students, we should consider closing it.

	Antrim	Bennington	Dublin	Francestown	Greenfield	Hancock	Peterborough	Sharon	Temple
25	69%	76%	55%	52%	79%	71%	88%	91%	64%
50	48%	52%	33%	33%	59%	48%	75%	61%	20%
75	17%	19%	9%	14%	23%	17%	40%	33%	10%
100	4%	10%	5%	6%	10%	8%	20%	19%	6%
Never close	31%	24%	45%	48%	21%	29%	12%	9%	56%

When asked to rate 4 options in Token Polling, 5 towns selected this as their top option:

“Combine only some of the elementary schools in order to provide students with better academic/enrichment options and save some money.”

When asked to choose which of 5 options to fund with \$1M, 5 towns selected this option most frequently:

“Retain our small-town elementary school.”

66%

If academic rigor is maintained, I prefer a reduced cost to taxpayers.

76%

All of my children had a great experience in their elementary school.

92%

Students should get the same services, regardless of which town the student lives in.

72%

It is important to spend about the same amount per student across elem schools.

59%

If enrollment declines, we should look at options for reducing the number of schools.

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32%

Our middle school does not offer some academic or extracurricular opportunities I would like my children to have.



44%

I worry about how I will pay my tax bill each year.



56%

The district's current school configuration, with low-enrollment elementary schools, is not the best use of financial resources.

Select Comments from Town Meetings:

- “A great school has great teachers that know how to teach and care about the students.” - Antrim resident
- “A school in town gives a sense of community, pride, and family unity.” - Pierce resident
- “A strong sense of belonging and self-worth are developed here.” – Dublin resident
- “We need an excellent elementary school to encourage young families to move here. It will be an asset for all future generations.” – Frankestown resident
- “I think that combining some of the elementary schools is good, but young students need to identify with their towns, so this would need to be worked out.” - Greenfield resident
- “We can’t have vibrant schools if we don’t have families.” – Hancock resident
- “Status quo makes no sense and costs much cents.” - Peterborough resident
- “Other towns don’t realize that they will be fine without a school. We are.” – Sharon resident
- “Music and theater are vital parts of education. Sports are not. ConVal has consistently spent far too much on sports.” - Temple resident

74%

If the research shows that a later start time for ConVal high school would benefit those students, then it would be good for ConVal to do that.

90%

One of the best ways to ensure ConVal has great teachers is to offer salaries that are competitive regionally.