

For our KIDS



Economic Considerations

The New Jersey Association of School Administrators...

New Jersey school administrative costs are the 8th lowest in the nation, lower than many states with all large districts.

Independent Studies...

In 2002, a research team led by William Ouchi, a professor at UCLA's Anderson School of Management, found that centralized management of schools brought about by consolidation actually led to administrative bloat not streamlining.

Kathleen Cotton of the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory analyzed more than 100 documents including 69 studies, evaluations, reviews and syntheses on school size and educational quality. Cotton notes, "None of the research finds larger schools superior to small schools in their achievement effects."

The New Jersey Assembly Task Force on School Regionalization...

In a 1999 study, this group concluded that "small school districts can produce excellent results and should not be regionalized simply because their enrollment falls below a certain number."

A FRESH LOOK AT NEW JERSEY'S PLANS FOR CONSOLIDATION & REGIONALIZATION

- Our 593 school districts are fingerprints, a reflection of New Jersey's diverse geography, sociology and population. Our schools cannot become homogenous.
- A comprehensive study by the National Rural Education Association Task Force concluded that size does not guarantee effectiveness and the best schools come in all sizes.
- Despite the economic crisis currently being felt in our state and nation, New Jersey's voters recently approved 73 percent of their proposed school district budgets.
- Many states that pushed regionalization some time ago are finding that it is not a perfect fit for their schools.