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**From:** carolyn.needleman@cox.net  
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**To:** House Education Committee  
**Subject:** H 7726

Dear Chairperson McNamara and the House Committee on Education,

I'm writing in support of school closure bill H 7726, the subject of your hearing today (3/13) at 4:00. As a RI resident and voter --and as a long-time educator -- I strongly urge you to move this legislation forward.

Considering the key role that local schools play in the life of RI's communities and families, it's simply wrong to order something as drastic as an abrupt school closing without adequate input from those affected.

This common sense legislation would not tie the hands of the administrators who must consider difficult decisions. It would simply ensure that school closings do not occur in a high-handed way, without public input and without considering all the relevant facts.

**Please put these protections in place**, for the sake of the communities and families you represent.

Sincerely,

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