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The Honorable Joseph M. McNamara, Chair House Education Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI

Having lived and/or worked in PVD since 1970, I can unequivocally state there is no way PVD is ready to take back its schools. With the possible exception of Classical, PVD's schools are such a joke that I happily spent a small fortune putting my kids through grades N - 12 at Wheeler.

Rather than allowing each RI city & town to waste taxpayer money funding it's own school system, RI's public school systems should, at the very least, be regionalized by county, thereby eliminating needless administrative redundancy, OR, even better, given the miniscule size of RI, there should only be one state-wide public school system and the administrators of RI's best schools (Classical, Barrington, E.G., etc.) should be placed in charge of running it.

If you don't like that solution, then do the kids a favor and let the Charter Schools takeover, since kids and their parents obviously prefer them to RI's PPSs.

Happy Earth Day!🌍

Beware The Bridge! 🗣️

"I am a simple man: Pelosi buys, then I buy!"

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"Nine-tenths of the people were created so you would want to be with the other tenth."
-- Horace Walpole (1717-1797), English writer

"Tolerance will reach such a level that intelligent people will be banned from thinking so as not to offend the imbeciles."
Dostoevsky