

Dear Rhode Islanders,

I wanted to take the opportunity to echo the message of many of my community members and ask that you reject the proposed transportation bill that would eliminate bussing for children who attend schools other than default public options.

My wife is a public school librarian and I am a preservation carpenter. We own two homes in North Kingstown, live in one and rent the other. We love the community that we have raised our children in but decided that the educational community made available to us at the Meadowbrook Waldorf School in West Kingstown was in line with our personal values, which we hope to pass on to our kids. We made the decision as parents with finite resources, as we all are. The tuition that we pay for their schooling is not casually absorbed by us. It represents additional years worked and vacations missed by me. We sacrifice to send out kids there while paying taxes for multiple properties in North Kingstown. My daughter is currently in third grade at Meadowbrook and I don't know what will happen if we cannot rely upon ongoing bussing. It is really important to us.

Please consider this as you consider bill 6236. Please reject it.

Thank you again for your time, consideration and commitment to civil service.

Regards,
Gregory Bressler, North Kingstown