



November 8, 2024

Dear Roslyn Community,

As you know, we are closely monitoring the New York State Education Department (NYSED) Regionalization initiative and remain significantly concerned.

There is healthy skepticism about both the process and the substance introduced by this mandate especially with questions surrounding state aid funding and the methodologies for determining measures.

The State's use of an "emergency" regulation related to regionalization is perplexing. We believe this goes beyond the authority of legislative bodies and locally elected school boards, interfering with our district's operations.

Although we see great potential in engaging in cooperative projects both within our local BOCES and beyond, which we already do effectively, it is essential that decisions regarding what is best for our students and schools remain local. We took the opportunity to submit preliminary comments to NYSED expressing these concerns.

Our number one priority is and will always be the well-being of the Roslyn School District. We believe that meaningful and lasting changes must only be made if they noticeably enhance our current systems, and such changes can only occur when all stakeholders are engaged in a collaborative process. The imposition of unfunded mandates from the State undermines this principle.

The Board of Regents held a meeting on November 4th and 5th, and we are hopeful that additional information may provide a deeper understanding of this matter. We anticipate gaining insights before the December Board of Regents meeting. We will continue to listen closely and act and update accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Board of Education President

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Superintendent of Schools