

The topic of regionalization has been widely discussed recently and I wanted to reassure our school community that this plan **does not include plans to redistrict or merge districts**. There has been great concern that regionalization might diminish local control. Please note that the New York State Department of Education, since its original adoption, has clarified in writing that any and all cooperative efforts will be strictly voluntary, and ultimately up to the local board of education. I have shared several times over the last month, **we will not be required to share any of our resources with any other district, nor will we be forced to accept students from other school districts**.

Please be assured that the superintendent, board of education and entire school community will vehemently oppose any threat to local control and any attempt to redirect our community's resources. We will never permit any taxpayer money from the Jericho school district to leave the community, nor will we permit any outside authorities to make decisions for our district.

Jericho is dedicated to continue to provide our students with an exceptional education and we will continue to look out for the best interests of our students, staff, and community.

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Superintendent of Schools