

Hello Bob,

Thank you for sharing your comments; I can forward your email and attachment to the Full Commission and it can be included in the public comment record for our December 2nd meeting. You are welcome to join (online or in person), but it's not required.

Best,

Meagan

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Meagan Roy, Ed.D.

Chair

[Commission on the Future of Public Education in Vermont](#)

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From: Bob Church <bchurchvt@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 7:34 PM

To: Roy, Meagan She/Her/Hers <Meagan.Roy@partner.vermont.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Suggestion for Commission

Hi,

Wondering if this can be included as public comment or do I need to attend a session ?

Regards

Bob Church

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bob Church <bchurchvt@gmail.com>

Date: November 22, 2024 at 9:44:03 AM EST

To: Peter Conlon <pconlon@leg.state.vt.us>, Jeff Fannon <jfannon@vtnea.org>, acummings@leg.state.vt.us, bcampion@leg.state.vt.us, mgulick@leg.state.vt.us

Cc: Bob Church <bchurchvt@gmail.com>

Subject: Suggestion for Commission

As a recently retired educator and former chief negotiator, I offer the following suggestion.

I would talk to former school commissioners/ teachers from Burlington to avoid some of the potential land mines associated with the topic of education finance.

Back in 2015 the Burlington Board of school commissioners commissioned a study by consultant Howard Smith titled 'The Teacher Contract Cost" (Attached)

Link worth consideration https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-_1K-ZOyyE

Teachers which includes school nurses, speech language pathologists, counselors, special educators, librarians.....

41.40 percent of the voter approved

418 Teachers yet based on Burlington City report there were 1,229 people who received a paycheck

Burlington's Legacy project

In my opinion it would be very easy to gather teacher contract cost across the state and develop a similar report statewide.

I believe the data will mirror that of Burlington's and show the problem is not being caused by those providing direct services for children.

Regards

Bob Church