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Subject: Lincoln school decision

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Hello,

I am writing as a member of the WRVSU school board, representing Granville Hancock Unified District to ask you to consider carefully the decision of whether WRVSU should take on Lincoln as another town in our SU. This merger does not benefit members of the WRVSU or Lincoln communities for the following reasons:

- Our SU is already one of the largest in the state, representing 10 towns and 6 districts. We have 6 elementary schools, 3 middle schools and one high school
- Our SU prepares 7 budgets already, adding another would be an undue burden. Additionally, our SU staff is already at max capacity.
- Lincoln is too far away to effectively share staff for music, art, PE, special Ed, etc.
- The increase cost of SU should not be passed on to our towns and will be overly burdensome to taxpayers
- Our SU has gone through many recent administrative turnovers. We are just starting to enjoy continuity and it should not be disrupted at this time.
- Collective Bargaining Agreement was just negotiated with a 3 year agreement. Concern around negotiating a successor agreement with the salaries of Lincoln so much higher than ours are presently.

Thank you for your time,

Jennifer Cavanaugh
Granville-Hancock Unified District Board Member