PK-12 Regionalization Final Survey Results - Report Nov 15th 2021

Background and Objectives: This survey was designed to help better understand feelings towards possible regionalization of the school districts. Atlantic Highlands Elementary, Highlands Elementary and Henry Hudson Regional are each separate Districts with a combined enrollment of approximately 800 students. Each school has its own Board of Education. Atlantic Highlands has 9 members, Highlands has 7 members and Henry Hudson Regional has 9 members for a total of 25 board members. There is one shared Superintendent of Schools, and two Business Administrators. Regionalization would combine all three schools into one K-12 district with one Board of Education which is the norm in K-12 towns throughout NJ and beyond.

Using the survey results, the goal is to aid the Governing Bodies and Boards of Education of Atlantic Highlands, Highlands and Sea Bright understanding the Stakeholders' input from all three towns.

Data Collection: All respondents were a combination of residents and property owners of the three towns. The survey consisted of 12 questions. Logistically, the survey was created for both online and paper survey completion. The survey's duration was an average of 7 minutes, and the completion rate was 72%. The survey was promoted on the Boroughs' and Boards of Education websites. In Highlands, the survey was shared to the following Social Media accounts: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Also, in Highlands, a postcard campaign was sent via Every Door Direct Mail. All channels were used to encourage a good response. Study period was September 21, 2021, through October 31st, 2021.

Demographics & Statistics: According to the 2020 US Census, the populations of the towns are as follows: Atlantic Highlands 4,429, Highlands is 4,621 and Sea Bright is 1449. Tabulations used a **90%** confidence level and accepted a margin of error of **±4.** This means the proportion was tested to assess whether a sample from a population represents the true proportion from the entire population. Using this test, we are **90% confident** that the data reflects the true populations using a margin of error of **±4.**

Action Standard: This research will be used to provide the Borough Councils and the Boards of Education with data that reflects what Stakeholders in each town's thoughts and ideas are regarding Regionalization.

Conclusions and Recommendations: 518 [Atlantic Highlands 93, Highlands 338, Sea Bright 78] respondents answered Q1-Q11 and **200** answered the optional open ended Q12. When looking at the data tables, the yellow highlight with a letter means that response is significantly higher or lower than the column referenced.

The biggest takeaways from this survey are as follows:

- Overall, **73**% of those surveyed want to regionalize the school districts broken down as follows: Atlantic Highlands [**59**%] Highlands [**76**%] and Sea Bright [**72**%].
- The top answer to the benefits to regionalization was <u>Lower taxes</u> [45%]. The lowest was <u>I do not feel there</u> <u>is any benefit to regionalization</u> [7%]
- The top answer to the barriers to regionalization was *I do not feel there is any barrier to regionalization* **[52%].** The lowest answer was *Fear of how special needs students would be handled* **[6%]**
- The top answer to possible regionalization outside of the original proposed was <u>Atlantic highlands and Highlands</u> [52] This is more than twice the percent of the next answer <u>Highlands and Sea Bright</u> [22%]
- Of the **154** respondents who have kids PK-12 in schools, **206** children attend Public School and **44** attend Private School. Breakdowns are as follows Total/Public/Private: Atlantic Highlands [**55/80/15**] Highlands [**79/98/23**] and Sea Bright [**20/28/6**].

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PK-12 Regionalization Public Survey - Summary of Key Results

Q.1 In which of the following towns do you live or own property?

		Total	Atlantic Highlands	Highlands	Sea Bright
		Α	В	С	D
Base: Total Respondents		518	93	348	78
Atlantic Highlands	# of responses	93	93	1	0
	% of responses	18	100	0.3	0
			CD		
Highlands		348	1	348	0
		67.2	1.1	100	0
				BD	
Sea Bright		78	0	0	78
		15.1	0	0	100
					ВС
None of these		0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0

Q.2 Into which of these groups does your age fall:

	Total	Atlantic Highlands	Highlands	Sea Bright
	Α	В	С	D
Base: Total Respondents	518	93	348	78
Under 18 (17.5)	7	1	3	3
	1.4	1.1	0.9	3.8
				С
18 to 25 (21.5)	7	0	5	2
	1.4	0	1.4	2.6
26 to 35 (30.5)	42	10	31	2
	8.1	10.8	8.9	2.6
		D	D	
36 to 45 (40.5)	109	28	67	14
	21	30.1	19.3	17.9
		CD		
46 to 55 (50.5)	125	31	73	21
	24.1	33.3	21	26.9
		С		
56 to 65 (60.5)	133	15	94	24
	25.7	16.1	27	30.8
			В	В
66 to 75 (70.5)	76	6	60	10
	14.7	6.5	17.2	12.8
			В	
76 + (80.5)	19	2	15	2
	3.7	2.2	4.3	2.6
Mean	52.5	48.5	53.5	52.6
			В	В
Std. Dev.	13.9	12	14.2	14
Std. Err.	0.6	1.2	0.8	1.6
Median	53.5	48.4	55.3	54.6

Q.3 Have you heard of the possibility of creating a new Pre-Kindergarten to 12 school district that would include the towns of Atlantic Highlands, Highlands and Sea Bright?

	Total	Atlantic Highlands	Highlands	Sea Bright
	Α	В	С	D
Base: Total Respondents	518	93	348	78
Yes	380	83	230	68
	73.4	89.2	66.1	87.2
		С		С
No	138	10	118	10
	26.6	10.8	33.9	12.8
	-		BD	

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (10% risk level) - B/C/D

Q.4 Did you know that the school districts of Highlands, Atlantic Highlands, and Henry Hudson received a grant to conduct a regionalization study that will look into regionalizing their 3 districts as well as with outside districts?

	Total	Atlantic Highlands	Highlands	Sea Bright
	Α	В	С	D
Base: Total Respondents	518	93	348	78
Yes	229	59	125	45
	44.2	63.4	35.9	57.7
		С		С
No	289	34	223	33
	55.8	36.6	64.1	42.3
			BD	

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (10% risk level) - B/C/D

Q.5 Have you read or reviewed the Regionalization Study that was released on April 1, 2020?

	Total	Atlantic Highlands	Highlands	Sea Bright
	Α	В	С	D
Base: Total Respondents	518	93	348	78
Yes	120	32	63	25
	23.2	34.4	18.1	32.1
		С		С
No	398	61	285	53
	76.8	65.6	81.9	67.9
			BD	

Q.6 Please rank order the following benefits of regionalization, where you feel the most important factor is 1, the second most important is a 2, etc.

Ranked First Summary

	Total	Atlantic Highlands	Highlands	Sea Bright
	A	В	C	Dilgitt
Base: Total Respondents	518	93	348	78
Lower taxes	234	33	153	48
	45.2	35.5	44	61.5
				ВС
Consistency of curriculum	71	6	56	9
	13.7	6.5	16.1	11.5
			В	
Broader interaction with other kids	68	17	47	4
	13.1	18.3	13.5	5.1
		D	D	
Reduction of three separate elected Boards				
of Education to one Board	54	9	43	2
	10.4	9.7	12.4	2.6
		D	D	
Reduce redundancy in administrative staff	52	14	31	7
	10	15.1	8.9	9
		С		
I do not feel there is any benefit to				
regionalization	36	13	16	8
	6.9	14	4.6	10.3
		С		С

Q.7 Please rank order the following barriers of regionalization, where you feel the most important factor is 1, the second most important is a 2, etc.

Ranked First Summary

	Total	Atlantic Highlands	Highlands	Sea Bright
	Α	В	С	D
Base: Total Respondents	518	93	348	78
I do not feel there is any barrier to				
regionalization	269	33	189	47
	51.9	35.5	54.3	60.3
			В	В
Loss of small school feeling	65	20	43	2
	12.5	21.5	12.4	2.6
		CD	D	
Loss of town identity	57	11	33	13
	11	11.8	9.5	16.7
				С
Understanding the school budget in general	53	11	36	6
	10.2	11.8	10.3	7.7
Transportation/busing concerns	37	7	25	5
	7.1	7.5	7.2	6.4
Fear of how special needs students would be				
handled	33	10	19	5
	6.4	10.8	5.5	6.4
		С		

Q.8 If there was an opportunity to regionalize outside of the proposed Atlantic Highlands, Highlands and Sea Bright merger, which would you prefer?

	Total	Atlantic Highlands	Highlands	Sea Bright
	Α	В	С	D
Base: Total Respondents	518	93	348	78
Atlantic Highlands and Highlands	268	46	212	10
	51.7	49.5	60.9	12.8
		D	BD	
Atlantic Highlands and Sea Bright	36	10	8	18
	6.9	10.8	2.3	23.1
		С		ВС
Highlands and Sea Bright	114	10	73	31
	22	10.8	21	39.7
			В	ВС
Some other combination	81	24	40	18
	15.6	25.8	11.5	23.1
		С		С
No answer	19	3	15	1
	3.7	3.2	4.3	1.3

Town	Q8 Other Response
	We should look at all local possibilities and see what makes sense. Consider Leonardo, portions of Middletown that are along the AH border, and any schools willing to discuss the
Atlantic Highlands	opportunity to work together.
Atlantic Highlands	This survey is very poorly written.
Highlands	This survey is designed to support a predetermined plan.
Highlands	This is an impossible question to answer. Small schools are not a benefit to all three community ties. They should be pushing mergers.
Atlantic Highlands	TBD
Highlands	Such as??
Sea Bright	Stay with Shore or merge with Rumson with same zip code
Highlands	Sea bright, Highlands, Atlantic Highlands, Monmouth beach
Sea Bright	Sea Bright to remain part of Oceanport
Sea Bright	Sea bright and Rumson
Sea Bright	Sea Bright /Rumson/Fair Haven
Sea Bright	Sea Bright & Rumson
Sea Bright	Rumson-Sea Bright-Fair Haven
Sea Bright	Rumson-fair haven. Good schools and property values would increase significantly
Sea Bright	Rumson Fair Haven
Sea Bright	Rumson and fair Haven

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Sea Bright	Rumson /SB/highlands/AH
Sea Bright	Rumson
Sea Bright	Rumson
Sea Bright	Rumson
Highlands	Regionalism with Middletown
Sea Bright	Question didn't nave option to select no change to proposed
Highlands	possible inclusion of Sea Bright if they are interested but SRHS is a great school
Atlantic Highlands	Not sure
Highlands	None of the above
Atlantic Highlands	None of the above
Highlands	None and stop CRT or any other name you use to hide it. Parents run the schools
Atlantic Highlands	no other, this is most viable and makes most sense
Highlands	No other combo
Sea Bright	No merger
Atlantic Highlands	No merger
Highlands	No combination
Highlands	Navesink
Highlands	More diversity in community
Highlands	Monmouth Beach, Sea Bright, Highlands; esp if AH isn't interested
Highlands	Middletown, Atlantic Highlands and Highlands
Highlands	Middletown Highlands Atlantic Highlands Sea Bright regionalization
Highlands	Middletown Highlands
Atlantic Highlands	Middletown
Highlands	Middletown
Highlands	Middletown
Atlantic Highlands	Middletown
Highlands	Middletown
Highlands	Middletown
Atlantic Highlands	Middletown
Highlands	Middletown
Atlantic Highlands	Make it worth while. 40 kids from SB does NOT move the needle. Why not regionalize with Shore Regional and all their sending districts. Go big and have changes that will be felt throughout.
Sea Bright	Leave it as is.
Atlantic Highlands	Larger district - adding sea bright does not add enough kids/value/ not worth it
Highlands	just lower the per pupil cost and our taxes
Atlantic Highlands	If the residents would approve regionalization, then go bigger than the 50 students in SB. There is no benefit to that merger to anyone but Sea Bright.
Atlantic Highlands	I would like to see Navesink join in. Adding sea bright won't make a difference in size of school and number of kids. We need to focus on retaining kids. The biggest reason why kids leave our district is opportunity and lack of school spirit
Highlands	I prefer to current grouping
Highlands	I prefer the three, ah and h if I had to choose differently
Highlands	Highlands, Atlantic Highlands! Middletown
Highlands	Highlands, Atlantic, Sea Bright, Monmouth Beach

Atlantic Highlands	Highlands, Atlantic highlands, Sea Bright, & Navesink but keep it only 7 - 12
Highlands	Highlands, AH, SB and Middletown
	Highlands could be a prek through 3 school, Atlantic Highlands can be a 4th through 8th
	grade school and Henry Hudson can be 9th through 12th school. This will have a fair mix in
Highlands	all schools as well as create sp Ed classes geared towards gr level by school
Highlands	Don't know
Highlands	Do t prefer
Sea Bright	Current K-8 with Oceanport
Atlantic Highlands	Combine with Middletown
Highlands	Can't we just close the schools - and let people with kids pay to educate them?
Atlantic Highlands	Bayshore
Highlands	Atlantic Highlands, Seabright, Navesink Middletown, Rumson
Highlands	Atlantic Highlands, Highlands, Sea Bright and Monmouth Beach
Atlantic Highlands	Anything but combining with Middletown
Highlands	Any option that will put Highlands on the same path as AH students and save money
Highlands	Any
Atlantic Highlands	all three still too small. need another town
Atlantic Highlands	All 3 districts become part of the Middletown district
Atlantic Highlands	AHES HES HHRS and Navesink Elementary
	Add students from other communities like Fair Haven, Little Silver, Navesink to increase
Highlands	school enrollment.

Q.9 Do you have children in Pre-k to Grade 12?

	Total A	Atlantic Highlands B	Highlands C	Sea Bright D
Base: Total Respondents	518	93	348	78
Yes	154	55	79	20
	29.7	59.1	22.7	25.6
		CD		
No	364	38	269	58
	70.3	40.9	77.3	74.4
			В	В

Q.10 What grade level do you have a child that attends school?

		Attends Public or Private School		Number of Children	
	Public	Private	One	Two or more	
Base: Total Respondents	154	154	154	154	
Pre-Kindergarten	18	15	29	2	
	11.7	9.7	18.8	1.3	
Kindergarten	12	2	14	0	
	7.8	1.3	9.1	0	
1st grade	14	1	15	0	
	9.1	0.6	9.7	0	
2nd grade	8	1	9	0	
	5.2	0.6	5.8	0	
3rd grade	21	1	21	1	
	13.6	0.6	13.6	0.6	
4th grade	16	1	16	1	
	10.4	0.6	10.4	0.6	
5th grade	20	6	26	0	
	13	3.9	16.9	0	
6th grade	15	2	17	0	
	9.7	1.3	11	0	
7th grade	16	4	20	0	
	10.4	2.6	13	0	
8th grade	14	0	14	0	
	9.1	0	9.1	0	
9th grade	13	3	16	0	
	8.4	1.9	10.4	0	
10th grade	15	4	19	0	
	9.7	2.6	12.3	0	
11th grade	7	3	8	2	
	4.5	1.9	5.2	1.3	
12th grade	17	1	17	0	
	11	0.6	11	0	

Q.11 Are you in favor of regionalizing of our schools?

	Total	Atlantic Highlands	Highlands	Sea Bright
	Α	В	С	D
Base: Total Respondents	518	93	348	78
Yes	376	55	265	56
	72.6	59.1	76.1	71.8
			В	В
No	43	12	20	11
	8.3	12.9	5.7	14.1
		С		С
I need more information before I decide	99	26	63	11
	19.1	28	18.1	14.1
	-	CD		

Answer		
Q1	Answer Q11	Answer Q12
Atlantic Highlands	I need more information before I decide	1. Would the consolidation actually save taxpayer money or just redistribute? 2. Is HHRS big enough to support Sea Bright students? If not, what's the plan? 3. Would Navesink Elementary & Leonardo Elementary consider consolidation? 4. How would climate change fit into this survey- fewer students due to flooding and storm damage?
Atlantic Highlands	I need more information before I decide	As I mentioned before, we need to focus on retaining kids within our district. If we had add more kids to the school we would be able to provide opportunities that we are missing. Sports is a big factor in this. As a parent of a child that plays a lot of sports— I do not want to have to drive all the way to Keyport to do so. Also it takes a way from school identity and spirit. I am sure it is impossible to merge w Navesink since it's party of Middletown however Middletown could really benefit from it especially after all the problems they have been having with school buildings as well as all the housing departments they are doing to an already crowded school.
Atlantic Highlands	I need more information before I decide	Cart before the horse. No need to make a decision until any negotiations are done and seeing both sides of the coin.
Atlantic Highlands	I need more information before I decide	I am in favor of combining AH & highlands to one board. Would need to decide later on about adding sea bright. Would like to avoid being swallowed up by Middletown which is already a large district. Pre-K for AH & highlands full day would be a great draw
Atlantic Highlands	I need more information before I decide	I am in favor of regionalization with Atlantic Highlands and Highlands. I am not in favor of following the towns' feasibility study that is pro-Sea Bright with no true consideration or benefits for AH or Hit only helps Sea Bright with THEIR tax issues. Regionalize AH and H and invite Sea Bright to send their students on a tuition basis; if any Sped needs for SB, then that can be paid for by SB council and managed by new regional BOE.
Atlantic Highlands	I need more information before I decide	I would like to understand how a special education, arts/STEM & sports programs would be implemented. We have been considering moving to Fair Haven/Rumson like other families because of the lack of special education, arts & sports programs compared to other local public middle/high school and we do NOT want to move!
Atlantic Highlands	I need more information before I decide	I'd be in favor of removing 7&8 from HHRS and having it just be a high school.
Atlantic Highlands	I need more information before I decide	Thank you for giving us a survey to begin sharing our thoughts as a community. I look forward to the workshops that will be coming so that the communities can discuss what works and what doesn't. People should understand that regionalization is not mandated, so it's best to explore the opportunities to improve our children's educational and extracurricular experiences. We should give the idea of regionalization serious consideration. I am disappointed to see people making assumptions and reactively just saying "no" without a full understanding of the data, information, and options we have in creating a workable solution.

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Atlantic Highlands	I need more information before I decide	This is a very flawed survey. Benefits of regionalization make no sense as you list themis the very few students from SB broadening our kids? The administration is already shared and the curriculum is aligned. Have you evaluated the loss in property values in AH with a drop in scores (the perception of a lesser performing school)? Does HES lose their free preschool and their aid for breakfast / lunch for families that so desperately need it? If you regionalize and highlands kids get free preschool, why not AH kids? And what about SB kids? Special Ed costswhy has that not been disclosed? Why does SB kids prefer AHES when they drive right past HES? I'd like to see the data from Oceanport Schools & Shore Regional with Sea Bright students pulled out as a co-hort. If the ideal number from the state is 3K, isn't the proposed merger a waste of time? We won't even be at 1K. Who's doing and funding ALL of the work? Since you disregard the BOE decision, why assume they'd do the work. Why are the boroughs pursuing this when BOE's were explicitly told they would not pursue if any one entity opposed? 3 entities opposed. Why not come together with BOE's to make best decisions for all. This is being forced / pushed by certain peopleand very politically motivated. This is not in best interests of all involved.
Atlantic	I need more information before I decide	This is a very poorly and short-sighted survey. Lam very disappointed
Highlands		This is a very poorly and short-sighted survey. I am very disappointed.
Atlantic Highlands	I need more information before I decide	This is so confusing! We need much more information before we can begin to answer these questions. I look forward to more factual information being distributed. Not via Facebook. thank you
Atlantic Highlands	I need more information before I decide	This survey does not allow me to opt out entirely of responses that do not represent me. For example, I am not interested in ranking "I do not feel there are any benefits to regionalization." Regarding regionalization itself, even though I don't live in Highlands, I hope they are looking into how blending demographics will affect entitlement funding (ESEA/title I and especially the PEA funding for preschool). This was a major oversight in the last feasibility study, and an inconclusive or nonspecific answer is nobody's friend. Please seek conclusive answers to funding and programmatic questions.
Atlantic		
Highlands	No	Don't do it!
Atlantic Highlands	No	Highlands, Atlantic highlands and sea bright are too small. Not seen enough students. Concentrate on closing HHRS and become sending district for high school. Middletown or RBR
Atlantic Highlands	No	Not sure why it's necessary
Atlantic	-	There are few, if any, benefits to AH. We've been down this road before and this
Highlands	No	surveys seems to ignore previous examination of this issue and the findings.
Atlantic		
Highlands	No	This does not benefit AH so I'm not in favor of it
Atlantic Highlands	Yes	an influx of numbers even this small amount would allow greater opportunity for sports programs and other extracurricular programs that we are too small to have
Atlantic Highlands	Yes	Atlantic Highlands school needs reform, especially in how it deals with kids with special needs. Regionalization will allow diversity and broader ideas.
111911101103		special needs regionalization will allow diversity and broader races.

Atlantic Highlands	Yes	Been talking about this since the 70s
Atlantic		
Highlands	Yes	HH District needs to go. They are corrupt and ineffective in their roles.
		I am in favor of regionalizing for the RIGHT reasons. Don't make our children
		political pawns for another towns benefit. The current Sea Bright proposal
		barely gives enough information to make that decision. What will the true
		Special Ed costs be? Are there out of district students? What about ESL? Will
		we need to hire additional teachers to help students who don't speak English?
		What is the co-hort data for just Sea Bright studentswhy blend them in with all
		other students from Oceanport or Shore Regional? Will Highlands lose their free
		pre-school? What happens with the families who lose free / reduced lunch when
		we merge? Have you thought about those families who so desperately need it?
		Why not have our own feasibility study to determine what is best for AH. I'm still
		wondering why this proposal is being pursued when it was said in front of many
		people if 1 body (either municipal or BOE) opposes the the regionalization, it will
		be closed and not pursued. And here we are, nearly 2 years later and still
		spending money. Be smart and look at all possibilities and make the decision on
		what is best for all residents and more specifically, for the kids in our town. This
Atlantic		is not something that should be taken lightly. Why is this NOT being shared
Highlands	Yes	with all residents? How many are you missing by just posting on Facebook??
Tilgillallus	163	I am not certain of the financial gains that adding Sea bright poses to AH and HG
		but a true regional of these two is just logical. The streamline of curriculum and
		students activities, preschool for AH as well, one BOE are just logical. Seabright
		may greater benefit Seabright then AH or HG. I have lived here my whole life and
		basically we are one town, there is little "loss of identity" since the kids in each
		town combine anyway for recreational sports etc. taxes will not be much saved
		(or they will be temporary) I am not really considering that as a factor, just the
		educational continuity. With some many new family's in both towns with houses
		Turing over so rapidly these last few years, I think both towns are due for a
		change whether it is forced to happen by the state or we control it by making a
Atlantic		move that helps out communities, and if SB added and is not a financial
Highlands	Yes	burden/complication. Then I am good for that too.
0 1 11		I do not live in any of the concerned towns. My children attend public school in
		Middletown. I answered because I own rental property in Atlantic Highlands.
		With that said if my kids did live here I would still be in favor of regionalization.
		Most school districts are considerably larger than what is proposed here and still
Atlantic		operate effectively. I would not be in favor of any professionals losing their jobs.
Highlands	Yes	Positions should be eliminated slowly following retirements.
Atlantic		I don't believe Sea Bright benefits us. The do not add enough children or money
Highlands	Yes	to add value to our schools.
0		If we do not do it at this level with Sea Bright, I am fearful the state would
		eventually insist that Middletown take over. We would then lose identity,
Atlantic		quality of education, small town feeling and so much more, including higher
Highlands	Yes	taxes
		N.J. Needs to regionalize a lot more than schools. NJ has the highest number of
		towns, counties and municipalities in the country and all the teachers, police and
Atlantic		municipal employees that go with it. I have lived in nj all my life and made a 6
Highlands	Yes	figure income but I cannot afford to retire here and will be moving soon.
		Our municipalities are entirely too small to have so many separate boards, and
Atlantic		staff it is wasteful and will not compromise education. Henry Hudson Regional
Highlands	Yes	has slipped in its rankings and I think this merger may help with that.

Atlantic Highlands	Yes	Regionalization should only take place if there would be no loss of monies for our students. The last study that was done showed a significant decrease of funds for the combined district over keeping the separate districts.
Atlantic Highlands	Yes	Schools are to small to justify running in the manner in which they do now, especially the high school. As a graduate apx 10 years ago if HHRS, this is long overdue.
Atlantic Highlands	Yes	Solidarity as a shore community is a must in today's age
Atlantic Highlands	Yes	The taxes are to high. Atlantic highlands needs to lower their taxes
Atlantic Highlands	Yes	There doesn't appear to be any real benefit to the students. It will only muddy the waters. Our children prefer and enjoy the schools (AHES, Highlands, and HHRS the way they are presently. My wife and I prefer the small school experience.
Atlantic Highlands	Yes	This is the most idiotic and useless survey that I have ever seen. What could these results possibly add? It is almost unbelievably stupid.
Atlantic Highlands	Yes	Too few students to justify the taxes
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	Didn't like the proposal that Sea Bright kids would be bussed to Atlantic Highlands because "it's better suited for them" per discussions. That seems to immediately lower Highlands school. If regionalization is to occur, it must provide all the same advanced and remedial classes as Atlantic Highlands.
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	Do not take on Sea Bright unless they are willing to pay their fair share. They complain about paying \$112,000 per student, but it would be much higher if they had to open their own schools. They should not get a tax break, make them pay.
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	How regionalization would effect taxes. Costs for bussing.
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	I am concerned about which town will pay for busing as currently neither Highlands nor Atlantic Highlands provides busing for their respective elementary schools, but walking is definitely not feasible for Sea Bright. I would also like to be sure that Sea Bright doesn't think they are getting "a bargain" by switching school districts. Our current system works fine. They need to show us how they will be an asset to us. I do think it is most beneficial for HHRS out of all of the schools, as, by high school, our kids have been in class with the same kids for years. It would be great to meet kids from another town, and HHRS already provides busing. I also agree that there is a lot of redundancy with three School Boards. No matter if Sea Bright joins us or not, the districts should be merged and there should be ONE Board. 800 students does not require separate districts.
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	I believe there is no good reason why each school has an independent board of education but I am not sure blending towns is the answer. I worry about the space. If we combine the towns do we need to build? If yes, where? Add teachers? This kills any tax decrease.
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	I do not feel Sea Bright's inclusion is essential to our regionalization and will not add to cost effectiveness

Highlands	I need more information before I decide	I like many parents have removed our children from the public schools because of masking, indoctrination, sex Ed, ans vaxxime pushing. Do better or will will all remove our kids
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	I like the way it is it's quite fine that way for years
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	If The schools were regionalized, how would the board members be elected? There could be some way of electing board members which would not penalize smaller towns from having a member of the board possibly having a certain amount of members from each town to comprise the board could give each town equal representation.
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	It sounds good to bring all three together. I do think it is important to have both elementary schools in Highlands and Atlantic Highlands.
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	Lower my property taxes!
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	Lower our taxes
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	Navesink should be included in regionalization, but Elementary keep separated-maybe seabright included with HES and making the curriculum the same from HES, AHES, and navesink elementary
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	Need to have more pros and cons to the merger.
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	Recently moved here so lots is new to me. Seems like grade sizes are tiny so there could be some benefit.
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	Taxes in Highlands are way too high, not sure where the money goes. I see the budget but don't physically seeing it going where it's suppose to go. If regionalizing our schools and our taxes go down I'm all for it.
Highlands	I need more information before I decide	The ranking questions seemed to assume the advantages and barriers were universally agreed on. In the end the most important thing is to invest in our kids. If this frees up money to make a better education for our kids, then that is great. If it is one more way to NOT invest, then I am hesitant to support it.

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Highlands	decide	Transparency of curriculum
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	information	
	before I	
Highlands	decide	Was unaware until now that regionalist was on the table
	I need more	
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Highlands	decide	Which location would remain ?
Highlands	No	At this time I am not in favor of regionalizing our schools The state will be looking To combine with other schools that are larger than Sea Bright
		Do not teach crt critical race theory. DO NOT. I'll take my kids out if school run
Highlands	No	for board and destroy that crt agenda.
Highlands	No	I do not feel children will benefit from larger schools and classrooms.
		I have a 14 month old son. I want him to go to school locally. I want free Pre K
		but I also want a large enough group of students to have respectable sports
Highlands	No	teams, bands and clubs in Middle and High School.
Highlands	No	Leave Us alone please
		Regionalizing the schools will result in lower budgets for the students and staff
		and schools in general. It will drastically decrease the representation
		townspeople have in the boards of education for the schools their children are
		going to in the town they live in. Regionalization could reduce the amount of
		resources a board deems necessary and leave us unprepared for the imminent
		growth of our redeveloping town in the decade or two to come. Regionalization
		is not a good idea. Prepare for the future. Focus on improving our individual
		school districts by campaigning to get people involved instead of decentralizing
		our board of education and taking the interests out of our town and putting
Highlands	No	them in the hands of others.
		Return the schools to the parents get rid of the school boards or pull your child
Highlands	No	out
Highlands	No	this is a bad idea being promoted by enemies of public schools.
		3 boe's is ridiculous. Combining these would require less volunteers. But seats
Highlands	Yes	should be equal for each town involved
Highlands	Yes	A good idea
		A larger, though not huge, school could provide additional opportunities not
		currently available to students. Especially for middle school students a larger
Highlands	Yes	student population is would allow for healthier socialization.
		A strong education system is critical to the economic successes and sustainability
Highlands	Yes	of our community.
		Adding the few students of Sea Bright is not regionalization and this should not
Highlands	Yes	be a way for Sea Bright to save money.
		Again, I think it would be beneficial to have Highlands Elementary be a prek
		through 3rd school, Atlantic Highlands can be a 4th through 8th school and HHRS
Highlands	Yes	can be 9th through 12th grades
	103	Anything to lower my taxes

Uighlar da	Voc	As a former educator, it is a waste of effort having 3 districts for such a tiny school population & a waste of tax payor funds. Get with it already; you have
Highlands	Yes	been wasting my money for 22 years!!!
Highlands	Yes	As long as one town doesn't try to strong arm the other towns and it's an equal share based on student population.
		As long as the board of education has a balance of people from each town this is
Highlands	Yes	a good decision.
		Aside from saving money hopefully on taxes and reducing student costs, I think it
restate a de	, we can be a second	would be great to have kids mixed in with a wider population, more experiences with a variety of kids. And perhaps an equal curriculum for all providing
Highlands	Yes	enrichment on a more consistent basis. Been in public education for over 25 years. The model you have works, but 1
Highlands	Yes	superintendent withv3 BOE's is a nightmare. It's probably difficult, I give that person alot of credit
Highlands	Yes	Been too long should happened years ago
Highlands	Yes	Cost effective for the amount of children actually attending school. SPED children can be identified swiftly and placed LRE
0		Currently the cost of our K-12 curriculum is extremely high. Combining schools
		makes fiduciary sense and can be accomplished without reducing the quality of
		the education each child receives. Of course it's nice to have a small town school
Highlands	Yes	but our town is too small to make this scenario viable. We need to be fiscally responsible.
Highlands	Yes	Each current district would need equal representation in a regionalized system.
Tilgillalius	163	Education in NJ is a bloated bureaucratic tick. It caters more to the unions than
Highlands	Yes	the children.
		For a district of this size (not very large), regionalization will bring efficiencies, standardization, and consistency to administration. It will enable a greater diversity of experience and access for students. One of greatest fears, as parents without children currently in the district but who will be shortly is whether curriculum standards, and quality of education can be managed well within existing budgets. Consolidation and reorganization almost always produce better outcomes without necessarily expanding taxes - however we fully support paying more for higher quality. In other words, low taxes are not a driver in our decision
Highlands	Yes	making. You pay for what you get.
Highlands	Yes	Great idea for more diversity in the schools!
Highlands	Yes	Great idea!
Highlands	Yes	Great idea!
Highlands	Yes	Highlands has never been a district I wanted to send kids to. Regionalizing, adding resources and creating one school district would definitely benefit the children
		Highlands is to small to be a stand alone town. Law enforcement should also be
Highlands	Yes	regionalized.
Highlands	Yes	Hurry and regionalize!! It has been discussed and argued for over 30 years!
Highlands	Yes	I am 100% in favor of combining the district of Atlantic Highlands Highlands and Henry Hudson regional school. I am less sure about the benefits of incorporating Sebright into the mix. It would definitely benefit Seabright, but what would the benefits be to the Highlands and Atlantic Highlands Elementary schools and, actually more importantly, the Henry Hudson regional school?
T II BITTATIOS	103	I am a principal in Bergen county and it's important to be on the same page with
Highlands	Yes	curriculum and the needs of our students

		I feel HHR is underused. I have lived in Highlands most of my life, I would have
		been in the first graduating class of 1963 if I wasn't in RBC. At that time I think
		there were more students in the high school. At the low rate of 800 students
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Highlands	Yes	over 3 schools the taxes are outrageous. I'm hoping regionalization will make
Highlands	res	them more reasonable and also allow special Ed needs to be met as well.
		I feel that Highlands would only benefit from regionalization both from a tax
		standpoint and the chance for our students to have a wider range of both
		educational, sports, arts, and social opportunities in so many more ways! (As a
		teacher of 40 years, I feel I have a great deal of knowledge and insight as to these
Highlands	Yes	benefits)
		I grew up in a regional school system in NJ (West Windsor -Plainsboro). It was a
Highlands	Yes	positive experience for me. I think it also makes fiscal sense.
		I have be debating paying the tuition to send my child at HES to AHES. This
		should not be an issue with neighboring town with a supposed identical
		curriculum. There are many parents facing this debate yearly and combining the
Highlands	Yes	schools benefits all.
		I have been here 50 years. Children attended local school served on board of ed.
Highlands	Yes	Has been talked about for years and will never happen until mandated by state
		I have concerns about lost services (free Pre-K, free breakfast) and also the
		impact of taxes on the merger. A lot depends on the funding formula and how
		it's calculated to figure out the true value of the merge. Additionally, if we are
		merging would like to see an opportunity to expand the population of the district
		in order to offer more classes and programs for the students. le More sports
		options (at the new regional school vs sending kids to another district/team to
Highlands	Yes	play), more clubs and more opportunity.
Highlands	Yes	I have thought this would be a good idea for many years.
		I served on the Highlands Board of Education many years ago. We started
		discussing a Regionalization Study back thenbut I recall that Atlantic Highlands
		pulled out of the study. I am very interested in discussing regionalization of our 3
Highlands	Yes	schools and possibly Sea Bright students also.
		I think if three towns were in the district, Henry Hudson could have a football
Highlands	Yes	team.
		I think it's ridiculous that Highlands Elem. & Atlantic Elem. have 2 separate BOEs.
		Both elementary schools feed into Hudson. In 7th grade, it becomes apparent
		that the curriculums have not been equitable. It makes much more sense for Sea
		Bright students to take a bus to Highlands or Atlantic, and especially to Hudson
		rather than Oceanport or W. Long Branch. The only drawback would be the lack
		of a football team. A football team would increase interest, school spirit, & blend
Highlands	Yes	communities.
<u> </u>		I think regionalization makes sense for a Boro as small as highlands. The schools
		have been too small and too expensive to stand alone and with current growth
		wild need to scale eventually anyway so why not regionalize now and scale
Highlands	Yes	together but keep small region feeling.
ingilialius	103	I think this conversation has gone on for years and a lot of money and time has
Highlands	Yes	been wasted! This should have been accomplished years ago!!!
Highlands		
Highlands	Yes	I think this is a great idea all around
Highlands	Yes	I thought it was a good idea to regionalize years ago! Better all around!
Highlands	Yes	I would favor regionalization in other municipal issues
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Highlands		I would love to see this regionalization take place. It's the best scenario for the towns, the students, and the tax payers.

		If the students regionalize for middle school and high school it just seems logical
		to regionalize from the beginning. It would offer greater continuity for the
		children, staff, and ultimately when they transition to the next phase of their
Highlands	Yes	education
		If we do not I think taxpayers should join together in a lawsuit or media news
Highlands	Yes	campaign regarding why it costs about \$37,000 per child to educate.
		I'm 1,000% for anything that puts the most focus & benefit towards the children
		of this community - it all starts with education. We moved here in hopes to start
Highlands	Yes	a family. We will stay in Highlands as long as we feel the schools are up to par.
		In Hunterdon County, the towns of Lambertville, West Amwell and Stockton did
		similar a few years ago, and parents are very satisfied with the result - as you do
		your study, you may want to talk with them to see what they did great and what
Highlands	Yes	they needed to change.
Highlands	Yes	Increase the marketing information to promote this regional plan.
Highlands	Yes	It would be good to combine all three towns
		It's a no brainer. Regionalization of the school districts will ultimately create
Highlands	Yes	better school systems
Highlands	Yes	It's a smart use of local resources.
Highlands	Yes	It's long over due.
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Highlands	Yes	Fire, Sanitation. The workers in place are "comfortable", but change is necessary.
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		It's a NO brainerIt would give more of an incentive to MERGE/ADOPT 1 set of
Highlands	Yes	curriculum AND of course added tax breaks would help
Highlands	Yes	It's embarrassing that this has taken 15 years to come to fruition
		It's time to reduce government. There are too many redundant positions in
Highlands	Yes	admin
Highlands	Yes	Just do it.
Highlands	Yes	Just don't regionalize with Keyport
Highlands	Yes	Long overdue
0		Looking at the future, its the best thing for the town and offers the best
Highlands	Yes	opportunities for our youth.
Tilgilianas	103	Makes sense as I've heard parents complain how things are handled between
		their different kids' schools. I don't think Sea Bright should be in our region since
		we are still such small towns and want to cherish that, and the demographics of
		Sea Bright greatly differ from ours. Additionally many of Sea Bright kids attend
		private schools and it seems like a stretch to include them. We could consider
		that group at a later date if it seemed fair but definitely makes sense to put
		Highlands and Atlantic Highlands together since we share a Superintendent
Highlands	Yes	already.
Highlands	Yes	Makes sense to me. HH regional needs more kids for sports
Highlands	Yes	Maximize resources and lower costs
Highlands	Yes	Monmouth Beach should also be considered for this plan
	1	My biggest fear in regionalizing schools would be the loss of Highlands awesome
		Pre-K program and breakfast program that benefits all children. Otherwise I think
Highlands	Yes	it would be great for all towns!
<u> </u>		My child attended highlands elementary for 5 weeks 11years ago from the
		quality of teaching and administration staff the experience was poor at best we
Highlands	Yes	paid tuition to send our child to a different public school
		My daughter went to HH—most classes she only had 8 students in, I think
Highlands	Yes	combining the school districts would be beneficial to all.

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	My parents sent me to Catholic school AND paid to educate other people's kids!
Vos	All of these teachers and support staffs get paid more than I do! When will this cycle end?
	No one likes change, to survive and be better we all need to change
	No other comments.
103	Our district is so small, which drives our property taxes up. There would be so
Yes	much more opportunity for the students if district was larger.
	Pooled resources, allocated evenly per pupil seems like it should optimize
Yes	resources and possibly decrease school taxes
Yes	Public pre k please
	Regionalization is an opportunity to broaden the horizon for Highlands & Atlantic
	Highlands students. There will be more educational opportunities, friendships,
Yes	after school activities, etc.
	Regionalization is long overdue. You don't need to be a genius or have small
	children to understand this. Highlands, Atlantic Highlands, and Sea Bright should
Yes	be one region.
	Regionalization must happen for our schools , police and town services the
	taxes can not continue to double every 12 years!
Yes	Schools should be safe, and designed to regionalize
	Sea Bright only has a few students and I do not mind them merging with our
Yes	current schools.
Yes	Should have been done years ago
	So much wasted taxpayer dollars. There are so many regional school systems and
Yes	they are successful
Yes	Taxes too high. An empty high school. Merge with sea bright.
Yes	The question about prioritizing barriers is entirely confusing.
Yes	The borough council and Highlands school board should all resign.
	The costs associated with too many admin positions keeps our taxes higher than
	they should be. Regionalization is inevitable. Let's do it right and do it soon. Let's
Yes	not wait for the State and County to do it THEIR way
Yes	The current size of this school system is not economically sustainable.
	The most important concern with regionalization is maintaining or expanding the
	Highlands full day, full week pre-k program. This program is immensely
	beneficial to families in town and would be to other towns as well. Universal pre-
Yes	k should be a given in today's world, regardless of income status.
	The survey questions, for the most part, seemed to drive how a person would
	answer the questions. I'd be surprised if you got valid information. But I am
	strongly FOR regionalization because I think it will be a benefit to our children
	and the greater good of our towns. We limit our kids experiences and resources
	because of the size. We should be putting their needs first and not some
	artificial town pride or a goal of saving a few dollars. The best education is an open, diverse and inclusive one. Merging and creating something stronger is the
Yes	way to go.
	There are many benefits to regionalizing and combining resources.
103	There are no reasons for not having regionalization. Having seperate
	bureaucracy for each town is ridiculous and is an excess of spending other
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	people's money. My tax pays 66.8% for the schools and I have no children in the
	Yes

		There are not enough students to justify all these school and administration
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		They either need to regionalize or fold into Middletown or other districts. The
		cost per student is much higher in Highlands than say Rumson and Rumson has
		higher proficiency numbers. The school budget accounts for 43% of the taxes in
Hiablanda	Vaa	Highlands. The overall budget for Henry Hudson alone is larger than the
Highlands	Yes	Highlands annual town budget. That is neither sustainable or realistic.
		There are too few students, too much administration, too many administration,
Highlands	Yes	and the taxes are too high!
		There is no need for 25 board members within 3 schools. Brings the children
Highlands	Yes	together that live within 3 miles would benefit them socially
		There needs to be more focus on providing more opportunities for kids that are
Highlands	Yes	excelling in certain subjects.
		This has been a topic of discussion before. Consolidation of services was a step in
Highlands	Yes	the right direction, now it's time to bring the children together.
		This is a great idea. In fact I think that the same thing applies to the three
		boroughs: We do not need three boroughs with the same bureaucracy. We
		should combine into only one governing body. This would reduce redundancy
Highlands	Yes	and save taxpayer dollars. Or another option is to all go under Middletown.
		This is a great opportunity to bring more diversity into the mix as well as
Highlands	Yes	broadening extra curricular activities and sports programs.
		This is a long time coming. When we did have a child in the system we were told
		repeatedly that it was an issue with redistribution of sewer debt in AH. I feel like
Highlands	Yes	that was a cop out and am glad it's being taken seriously now. Thank you!
		This is long overdue, it is unfair to the kids as they don't have enough kids to put
		sport team and other opportunities together. My child must attend private
		school because HHR doesn't offer the sports she plays. It is also not fair to our
Highlands	Yes	taxpayers to keep the status quo!
Highlands	Yes	This needs to happen!
		This should have been accomplished 30 years ago, the teachers and there union
		have far to much influence and say as to this issue. This is and should be
Highlands	Yes	mandatory for these three towns to merge school districts.
		This survey should be shared across all social media platforms and go out with
Highlands	Yes	hard mail
Tilgillarias	163	
Highlands	Voc	Totally in favor; why has info on this proposal not been disseminated? Facebook
Highlands	Yes	is a poor choice for informing the voters/citizens.
Highlands	Yes	We must reduce property taxes. Our schools are under utilized.
		We need to lower the costs of school taxes. Paying over 30K a student is
		outrageous. The BOE & redundancies of this home rule attitudes need to change
l li ala la la da	V	with a High level of education. I know children in HES who graduate and cannot
Highlands	Yes	read. Accountability of tax dollars and the level of education needs to change.
		We need to retain students at HHRS. Lack of Sports are a huge Reason families
Highlands	Yes	leave.
Highlands	Yes	We should aim to have the same level of education as Rumson fair haven district
		We should be regionalizing schools and sharing services as much as possible to
Highlands	Yes	reduce costs and taxes.
J		With our high school related property taxes, low student numbers and high
Highlands	Yes	facility and staff costs, a regional merger is the best option for our towns.
J	I need more	,
	information	Continuity in programs and offerings that would be most beneficial to students
	before I	are of upmost importance and hopefully will be a concerned in the decision
Sea Bright	decide	making process
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	I need more information	I am very happy with the Wolf Hill Elementary where my daughter is in 1st grade right now, it seems like an excellent school. I simply don't have enough information about how the Highlands and Atlantic Highlands schools compare
	before I	academically with the Oceanport school district, and would like more
Sea Bright	decide	information on this.
	I need more information	
	before I	I would like to see the ratings of the schools side by side and a comparison of
Sea Bright	decide	curriculum that supports special ed
	I need more	
	information before I	
Sea Bright	decide	Stay with shore
Sea Bright	I need more information before I decide	There are hardly any kids in sea bright. Shouldn't really matter if the go over to highlands or oceanport. But since they're in op already keep them there. Oceanport is an amazing school district. put highlands and Atlantic highlands together.
	I need more	
	information	
Sea Bright	before I decide	Would be interested in options as SB seems locked in as a cash cow to shore regional district. We pay a ludicrous amount per student.
Sca Bright	acciac	As a parent of current Wolf Hill School students I see no benefit to my children's
		social, emotional or educational needs by regionalizing with Highlands and
		Atlantic Highlands. In fact I feel that this proposed change would have a negative
		impact on them socially, emotionally and educationally. I find the articles that have been shared quoting Mr. Rooney to be ridiculous pieces recounting his
		experience years ago as a Sea Bright student and feel that his personal
		experiences years ago should have no bearing on this current decision. The fact
		that parents of current students have not been contacted for input is ridiculous and I feel thaty children's needs are not being taken into account at all. While I
		do acknowledge the tremendous tax benefit of this proposed merger this
		proposal is not right for my children or my family and I feel like if anyone had
		bothered asking that you'd receive the same answer from most parents of
		current students. Our experience in the Oceanport school district and Shore rec sports program with children from Sea Bright, Oceanport, Monmouth Beach and
		WLB is the polar opposite of what apparently, from reading Mr. Rooney's
		comments, was once felt. We have never once been made to feel like an
		outsider, to feel less than, to feel excluded. My children have no ties to the
		children in Atlantic Highlands or Highlands and would most certainly feel like outsiders should this switch be made. I do hope that some consideration will be
		taken to fully understand the impact this switch will have on those children fully
		ingrained in their current educational setting, including students with IEP's like
		my younger daughter who is receiving an exceptional education at Wolf Hill, and some provision be taken into account providing for them to attend Oceanport
		schools through 8th grade when the county high school system would kick in
		providing them the opportunity to attend Shore Regional should they chose to
Sea Bright	No	do so. Has a voucher system been considered for Sea Bright students and families or an
Sea Bright	No	Has a voucher system been considered for Sea Bright students and families or an Affiliation with Rumson/Fair Haven?
Sea Bright	No	I believe this regionalization with hurt our property values.

Car Duight	No	Oceanport school system is better than highlands. Atlantic, Henry, and highlands all rank LOWEST ON NJ school list while Wolf Hill ranks number 3. Not a tough
Sea Bright Sea Bright	No No	choice. Our daughter is one. We are one of the only full time families in Sea Bright. A main factor in choosing to live here was the Oceanport school system. Should this change we would most likely move out of the town.
Sea Bright	No	This survey is clearly biased to a merger. I have 3 children in the Shore system (oldest graduated 2020) who have and continue to excel at Shore. The fight should be to convert to a k12 district so the taxes for Sea Bright are fair with us only having 1 school system to the other sending districts with 2 and 3 schools. That would lower the Sea Bright school tax burden.
Sea Bright	Yes	Get this done!
Sea Bright	Yes	I am in favor if it reduces our taxes. I have confidence that the educational issues will be addressed.
Sea Bright	Yes	I believe once updated regionalization studies are received, reviewed and shared that the mutual benefits of regionalization will be notable.
Sea Bright	Yes	I do not currently have children but we are planning on starting a family in sea bright. Anything to improve my future child's education is something I'm in favor of.
Sea Bright	Yes	I have reviewed the feasibility study in detail. I believe this is a very positive step forward for all 3 towns. Nothing is perfect but I believer it will provide higher quality education at lower cost helping both students and taxpayers. I hope the Atlantic Highlands, Highlands, Sea Bright alignment proceeds.
Sea Bright	Yes	Just lower taxes
0 1		My children have graduated already, at this point I would like my taxes reduced,
Sea Bright	Yes	my number one concern, so I can stay and live in the town.
Sea Bright	Yes	Recruit other neighboring communities out of Middletown schools
Sea Bright	Yes	Regionalize!
6 5		Sea Bright has gotten the short end of the stick for YEARS in being put into the Shore district for high school etc. And much greater taxes!! This just makes so
Sea Bright	Yes	much more sense!!
Sea Bright	Yes	Shortening the Distance to travel to attend school is important Tay rates for Sea Bright, continue to escalate. The regional school tay is out of
		Tax rates for Sea Bright continue to escalate. The regional school tax is out of control. Consolidation with the elimination of top heavy administrative staff for each district and adherence to a new school tax formula (to be formulated) would indeed lessen the burden of taxes for residents. The children would still receive excellent education, the bus transportation runs would be shorter and children would not have to spend too much time on the bus. There would be continuity K-12 which is so important in in the life of a child. It is a must that we
Sea Bright	Yes	(SB) have a strong representative on the Board of Education. Let us go forward with this regionalization.
Sea Bright	Yes	The benefit of shared expenses would be reflected in lowering taxes for all three municipalities
Sea Bright	Yes	The children would be bussed closer to home and in less time
		This is an excellent way to have a say in how regionalization is handled in our towns. These three towns share common interests already & this regionalization could only benefit the quality of education of ALL of the children in ALL of the towns. This joining of towns would be a huge savings benefit for the taxpayers as
Sea Bright	Yes	well. Let us make this choice before the state makes it for us.

Sea Bright	Yes	We should only IMPROVE our children's educational. Regionalization that is inferior to the system we have no does not offset tax benefits. We should then discuss w Oceanport to recalculate fairly sea bright contribution.
Sea Bright	Yes	What Sea Bright pays for regional school taxes is disproportionate and insane. It has to stop.
	Vas	While I think any change is a positive from our current situation. A combination with Rumson fair haven would be better for property values. Additionally, please don't make the mistake of making another agreement without a sunset clause or
Sea Bright	Yes	renewal period.