



The Garrison

Union Free School District

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Dr. Jonathan Cervas, Special Master
c/o Steuben County Supreme & County Court
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 14810

Dear Dr. Cervas,

We write to encourage you to consider localities served by the Garrison Union Free School District (GUFSD) and the Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery School District (HFFM) as communities of interest within one, unified State Senate District.

Though seated in two counties and divided by the Hudson River, our vibrant school districts are proud of our longstanding, collaborative partnership, ensuring the students of the Hudson Highlands receive the strongest possible public school education. While HFFM hosts students in grades K-12, GUFSD serves learners only until the end of their 8th grade year. These future high schoolers frequently choose to continue their education with HFFM, across the river at James I. O'Neill High School.

Balancing the needs and goals of both districts requires close collaboration by administrators, educators, and local families. The opportunity to be served by a single representative in the State Senate moving forward would meaningfully improve our districts' ability to advocate for the resources our students need and deserve, such as equitable school aid to ensure a consistent and enriching educational experience from K through graduation for our cross-river pupils.

Please consider the value of including our two school districts in one, unified Senate District as you work to finalize legislative maps.

We thank you for your consideration and are appreciative of your many efforts to set New York up for success.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank Sheboy, Superintendent of Schools
Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District
Highland Falls, NY

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