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*To Whom It May Concern,*

*As a family recently relocated to the MidCoast area, we have a keen interest in learning more about the Many Flags project and plan to follow continuing developments closely. It also appears that the work the TAG group is shepherding is a logical link to this forward looking future. It is nice to know that despite the discomfort change can bring, this community is forward looking and moving in a positive way. Our experience with consolidation in northern New Jersey resulted in the formation of horrendous mega-schools, trying to educate multiple hundreds of students. They had many class offerings, many sports, many other activities, and high tax rates to keep them going, but what they did not have was a feeling of community and many students never felt that they belonged or were a part of their school and were just lost in over-sized institutions. That does not need to be the case here, and the size of the consolidation that is in the works seems very reasonable to us. The test scores for the high schools posted on your web site are not encouraging, but people in the community seem to regard both high school well. Our hope is that consolidation should allow the schools to stay small, keep students and all of us connected, improve programs, and become excellent! We also hope that the work being done now will cross over to Many Flags where we would love to see your children someday. Thank you for your web site, and we will continue to follow the progress.*