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Please leave us alone.

We need to maintain a thread to community and feel we belong to OUR group rather become some gray, faceless being in a vast sea of unknowns, in an unfamiliar place where no one really cares about us.

Go find some other reason to be, like feeding all the hungry kids, protecting them from abusive households, making them feel like they matter in the world by providing them with a circle of well being instead of carting them off to who knows where to go to their "regional school".

It's no wonder the kids want to jump off buildings and shoot each other up. Give them a break from all the madness and let them be in their classes, with their friends, and teachers they know and trust, in a perceived safe environment, where they can thrive and grow into the people we can proudly hand our society over to.

Stop messing with the kids. They are not merchandise to be shipped around your agenda.

If you can tell me why this is in the best interest of the kids in the long run, I will listen to what you have to say. In the meantime I say NAY to your idea of a regional school.

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