

Hi,

My name is Erica McLaughlin, a 10 year Principal in the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union. I would like to share my support for the movement towards a K-12 system with one governing board. I currently work in a system that works as a K - 12 system, because we know that is what is right for kids, what is right for the professionals that work in our system as well as our local tax payers. Our governing board shares a common vision and mission for all our kids in our SU and works collaboratively to ensure a high quality education for **ALL** of our children. **Equity for all our kids is an expectation** for us, not just a future goal. We share common goals, resources, use our collective genius for the benefit of our students and our professionals. Due to the willingness from all levels (boards - teachers) to work together our SU has also seen significant savings (over 40 Million dollars) over the last 13 years.

While I say we already have the desired system in place, we need legislation that will allow us to continue in this manner as it may not be sustainable with out structural guidelines. Our system is a model for others and should not be dismissed. We will continue to do what is right for kids and we look for your support in doing so.

Thank you,

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