

PETITIONS COMMITTEE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES  
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Dear Petitions committee

In regards to your communication, to me, dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011, I now give my response to the reorganisation process, regarding education. I do apologise for the late response, but still hope that you will still consider my views and opinions. I have also been asked to quantify on the words I used, strong, sturdy and easier for the public to access and participate in, as used in my petition. I chose these words as a need to change the current public consultation process. And I felt this because so many failings have been made by our local authority. By making them strong, you need them to be made more reliable, and deliver them in a way that is reliable. People need to feel that their concerns are addressed and all concerns need to be kept on file, for future reference. This could help any to avoid any further concerns, and help local councils to be prepared in dealing with them, as well as put peoples' minds at rest. By making them strong, you are also making them sturdy, access to any documents regarding proposals regarding education needs to be accessible to all parents, this could be done by holding meetings, during term time only, and also by post, and online. I feel that our local authority has made many mistakes recently regarding education and that now is the time that our voices as parents need to be heard and listened to. They are our children and we also want what's best for them, therefore I feel that any school that has very good results, where targets are high and met and a success, like Brynmawr should not be at threat of closure, the school or any part of it. And I urge you to look at this in more depth and to deeply consider the futures of any well run school that may be a threat of closure. People need to be more informed, this could be by the local press, internet, meetings, and informed by mail, to what is happening, and what active way they can take part in. Local authorities really do need to be made more accountable to the local people, as this has not been the case in Blaenau Gwent for quite some time. All concerns need to be addressed, and responded to, and honesty needs to be used, not false promises. Choice needs to be put in place, as you take it away you take away a human right and need. The time scale needs to be lengthened and carried out only in term time not during school holidays as they recently were in Blaenau Gwent. I have sent a copy of this letter to you by post as well as my response to school reorganization proposals, I hope to hear from you soon and trust that my views will be looked at and hopefully I can help make a change within the schools reorganization process a change for the better, one children need and deserve, many thanks Mrs Mandy Howells