

My wife and I both taught in East Ramapo Central School District, Lila at Oakwood, myself at Hillcrest Elementary (each were “sold” to a yeshiva)

We understand that a greatly expanded Hasidic population will undoubtedly adversely effect the Monroe Woodbury Central School District which, as East Ramapo once could boast, has an excellent reputation.

If new acreage annexed to Kiryas Joel becomes high density zoned and the required replacement of high density zoned acreage within the town of Monroe is populated primarily by Hasidic tenants there will become a greatly increased private school population this will, in turn, negatively impact the state aid the Monroe Woodbury School District will receive. The loss of state aid dollars, the increased cost of additional transportation, textbooks, special education, and other state mandated services to the private school students would affect a substantial increase in the public school budget.

It is safe to assume that the annexed properties would fall within the Monroe Woodbury School District. There is no reason to believe the Kiryas Joel school district would find it to their benefit to claim jurisdiction.

The private school tenant- taxpayers, having no stake in the public school, with their many services guaranteed by state mandate, will vote, as one, against the public school budget. The resulting lack of funds will initiate a gutting of programs and activities and facilities in Monroe Woodbury!

Examples of all the above are illustrated in what ACTUALLY has transpired in the East Ramapo School Dist. Spring Valley, NY, the Lakewood School Dist Lakewood, NJ, and the Lawrence Union Free School District in Long Island, NY.

PLEASE NOTE: Even though budgets are voted down and many programs and activites drastically cut, some schools sold or leased, because of the private school student mandated services the school tax will continue to INCREASE!

A diminished school dist creates diminished property values-----
a downward heading spiral.

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