

# Wales Central School

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To: Jim Hodgkin, RSU #4 Board Members, RSU #4 Principals  
and Assistant Principals  
Subject: Another School Closing Proposal to Consider  
From: Brian Albert and the Wales Staff  
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We would like you to consider keeping our school in Wales open next year and have it house the 10 classrooms in Pre-K through Grade 2 that was proposed on Monday evening to be at the Libby Tozier School in Litchfield. We have attached a floor plan of WCS that provides adequate space for all 10 classrooms and space for SE, Specials and Support Staff. We would welcome board members and administrators to visit our Wales facility and see what we can offer the RSU students and staff.

Keeping an operating elementary structure, whatever the configuration of the population in the town of Wales, would allow for these resident students and parents to maintain an identity to their town. Closing the only school building (other than the OHHS) in Wales would eliminate the opportunity for any focal point in this very small community to meet for Town Meetings, Girls & Boy Scouts, Sabattus Recreation programming and celebrations at the school.

Closing Libby Tozier School would eliminate the need for the RSU #4 budget to upgrade the fire alarm system which is estimated at \$90,000 to \$107,000. Resale of the Libby Tozier School property would be more viable in the town of Litchfield than property in Wales. The Town of Litchfield could still have a functioning elementary school with Carrie Ricker housing grades 3-5 for the entire RSU #4. It would still allow Pre-K through Grade 2 at the Sabattus Primary School which was upgraded with reconstruction in 2005. Sabattus Central School, which was built in 2005, could still house the students in grades 6-8 for the entire RSU #4.

Please consider our requests and allow our youngest children to receive a portion of their primary educational experience at home in the town of Wales.

Thank you.