

# My children

Inbox x

School Choice x

[REDACTED]

Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 6:31 AM

to info

Good Morning,

My name is [REDACTED], I live in Chocorua, NH with my husband [REDACTED] and our two children [REDACTED], age 11 and [REDACTED], age 8.

Our children currently attend the [REDACTED] Public Charter School in [REDACTED] NH. Well, actually, they currently do not have a location or building for the school but I think they're still planning on opening in September. This is my concern and my reason for reaching out to you today.

Our assigned school district for Chocorua is SAU 13, our assigned school is the KA Brett School in Tamworth. SAU 13 also includes two other schools, Madison Elementary School in Madison and Freedom Elementary School in Freedom.

As much as we enjoy the Charter School, their consistent lack of holding staff and now not having a location, we are feeling very uncertain for children's educational needs.

Our assigned school, the KA Brett School, is not an option for us. We even filed for Manifest Educational Hardship for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. We requested an "in district transfer" to Madison elementary school. We were denied stating there was not enough evidence. [REDACTED] had been involved in a bullying/fondling incident that was debilitating for him at the end of his 1st grade year and the trauma it caused required the decision to remove him from the school. We did not have a lawyer or an advocate at the time so we left feeling hopeless.

After they denied our case, the Super intendant did offer us the Freedom school as a transfer option but it is too far away from us and our place of work. Almost an hour. The Madison school is less than 5 miles from our house and we felt this school would be a place our children would feel comfortable in. Also, the Freedom school has an enrollment of 48 children and I realize that as much as they would like to build their student base there, the Madison school is where my children would best fit in and feel safer being in their local environment.

When I asked him, Mr. Lou Goskinski, if the Madison could be our transfer option, he stated that it would be "to much of a hassle for them" as their enrollment was higher and didn't need any more kids. I don't have their figures for this but still have a hard time accepting this answer....

With the updated laws passing, do we have any rights to a transfer like this?  
Can you advise how to approach our predicament?

I appreciate your in time reading this and I would be grateful if you have the time to respond.

Kindly,

[REDACTED]

**Re: My children's Education update**

Inbox x

[REDACTED]

Wed, Oct 25, 2017 at 5:37 PM

to info

Good evening,

The [REDACTED] Charter School is our current school. We are still going through some tough changes and just recently lost our new head of school. My son in 6th grade had NO teacher until two weeks ago and we are not sure if he likes the job well enough to stay.

Just a clarification request...

My school district (SAU 13) consists of three schools Madison, Freedom and Tamworth. When we were denied our case for manifest educational hardship from the Tamworth School, by both the superintendent as well as all of the board members at the Tamworth school (our assigned school)...this makes me hesitant to approach them. They, the superintendent through an email, did offer us an option of attending the Freedom Elementary school at this time. Their enrollment is extremely low. It is also very far away...almost 40 miles. I asked if they could go to Madison, less than 5 miles for us, and they said it was not an option. I had to deny their offer of the Freedom School simply because it was not feasible for us because of the distance.

I am at a point now where I need my children to be offered an "Intradistrict Transfer" to the Madison school as an option! Why could they offer me Freedom but not Madison? That seems strange to me!

I am very concerned that if I reach out to the superintendent of these 3 districts, that I will be getting the same answer, also, the same school board that he controls.

Am I allowed to approach the Madison School Board myself? Because I am out of residence but in district do I have this right? Or should I just approach the Super and hope he's feeling gracious?

Please advise and thank you so very much for your time!

Best,

[REDACTED]