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Education is what creates thriving towns. Schools give families a reason to stay, equip children with the skills they need, and keep communities from hollowing out when people are forced to look elsewhere.

The problem is how we pay for them. Property taxes, the primary funding mechanism for schools, stretch the limits of what many residents can bear. That pressure leads some to question whether schools are worth the cost at all, which is exactly the wrong conclusion to draw.

Now add the threat of steep cost increases driven by decisions outside our control, and the math gets worse fast. Something has to change.