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I know these laws are broad and far reaching but for my area, these laws have offered at least some element of protection (though I believe they could and should be strengthened).

At a time when school districts are under direct attack from school choice advocates, and groups like the Heritage Foundation, who would like to dismantle public schools, many school districts are being presented with information or guidance that might lead them to a groupthink type of decision regarding school closures and other big decisions, these laws have helped the public to require openness in this decision-making process. To remove or lessen any aspect of the laws that might help to protect our public schools, is to go against the public interest.

Please do not pass any law that would weaken expectations of openness in decision-making in any way. Thank you!