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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning to you for amendment Senate Bill No. 2419, "An Act Establishing the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District."

I support the intent of the legislation. In order to properly ensure the sequencing of events necessary to create a new school district, however, a technical amendment is needed.

I therefore recommend that Senate Bill No. 2419 be amended by striking out the entire text of section 18 and replacing it with the following new section:

"SECTION 18. Section 1 and sections 6 to 17, inclusive, shall take effect following certification by the commissioner of education of the votes required by section 4, when the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District, established in section 6 becomes the successor agency to the Essex agricultural and technical high school and the North Shore Vocational Regional School District, provided, however, that such certification by the commissioner shall occur no later than July 1, 2009."

Respectfully submitted,

MITT ROMNEY,
Governor.

