I would like to see Caledonia get their own school district because for at least half of Caledonia the Racine Schools are to far.  After sending my children to school at Gifford when they were younger I decided to open enroll my children into Oak Creek Schools.  The main reason was safety.  When something happened like illness or an injury at school it took me a long time for me to get to Gifford Elementary school.  If I was home it was around 15 minutes but if I was at work it took me an hour and that is a long time to get to school to get my child.  After realizing that the Middle Schools and High Schools were much farther away than Gifford , I put them into schools that are 5 minutes from my house.  I could never understand how shutting down a school in my neighborhood and making my kids go to a school 15 minutes away in a car helped my children.  I also did not care for the school sizes.  They had so many kids going to Gifford that I felt my kids got lost in the masses.  They did make many different friends but not as many close friends as a smaller school in their community.  The friends they did make lived so far away it was hard for them to spend time with them out of school.  Being in such a large school makes it harder for kids to get to know and take pride in their community and their neighbors.  I would like to see kids learning closer to home and in smaller class sizes.  I think it would be better for the community and the kids.

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