

## **P-05-828 Presumption in favour of rural schools**

This petition was submitted by the Parents and Teachers Association of Ysgol Gymunedol Bodffordd and was first considered in September 2018 having collected 5,215 signatures

### **Text of Petition**

We call on the Government to take steps to ensure that local authorities follow the guidelines within the current School Organisation Code and the new version of the Code (when it comes into force), including that they operate in accordance with the presumption in favour of rural schools. We accept that this does not mean that a rural school will never close, but the recent decision by Anglesey Council's Executive Committee to close Ysgol Bodffordd demonstrates that local authorities are free to ignore the new Code (that they are supposed to act in accordance with its spirit) and close even full and popular schools.

### **Assembly Constituency and Region**

- Ynys Mon
- North Wales