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Høyringssvar

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I moved to Flekke in 2023. I love it here. Flekke is beautiful, and it has everything we need for a ten-out-of-ten quality of life.

The most special thing, though, is the people: the rich tapestry of families who have lived here for generations, bearing the names of Flekke and its surrounding farms; the gammaldansers who descend on Joker every Saturday morning; the kids-turned-parents who have moved back from the cities to give their children a different kind of life; and the sparkle of the UWC community, becoming more embedded here every year.

I work in the leadership of UWC Red Cross Nordic, where recruiting excellent teachers is essential to the quality of the education we provide. The challenge is not a lack of applications, but how few applicants are appointable. This spring, we needed two mathematics and science teachers and had just two good applicants. One accepted a position at another UWC. We appointed our other candidate, a parent of three.

Recruiting internationally means persuading not just a teacher, but often an entire family, to build a life in the fjords. For some families, particularly those coming from countries whose driving licenses cannot easily be converted to Norwegian ones, having a school within walking distance is a practical necessity. Without Flekke Skule, I am certain that at least two of the families joining us since 2023 would not have moved here. I worry that we could lose others to UWCs elsewhere in Europe or further afield.

The consequences would extend beyond individual families. Recruiting would become harder, and we could face compromises in the quality of our education and in our ability to attract the international staff who make UWC what it is.

I appreciate Fjaler in the broadest sense. I'm a member of DeKor in Dale and Utetrening in Hellevik. I'm starting a "murder mystery" event in Tysse, completed our very own TiTur in 2024, and will never forget the kindness of the region's barselgruppe during our first year as parents. Through making films and putting on summer festivals, our family aims to contribute to the place that has given us so much.

But Flekke, specifically, is the place that showed me it is possible to have a leading career, a warm and nourishing social life, and a family. Without this place, Kiran and I would have been unlikely to have Cassian, now eighteen months old and loving Flekke Barnehage. I've spoken about our journey with Framtidsfylket and Firda.

I see the creation of Nytta AS and the ambition to develop Fjaler for the future. I hope that future includes the conditions that allow families to settle, employers to recruit, and communities to grow. Flekke Skule is part of that picture.

I understand that the municipality needs to find savings, and I don't imagine that its Director relishes the prospect of closing village schools. I know that others are making the detailed financial arguments, and I will leave those better placed than me to do so.

But I have one question for those making this decision:
Can you be certain that changing Fjaler's school structure will secure the municipality's finances in the long term, without creating costs elsewhere that undermine those savings?

If you cannot be certain, then I make this humble plea: let us change nothing until we can be sure.

We have something very special here. I hope we can find a way to protect it.

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