

Re. Proposed Bill No. 457

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to register my objection to Proposed Bill No. 457. In an era during which small charter and magnet schools are viewed as singularly successful, the notion that school districts the size of Regional School District 18, where I teach, or Stonington, where I have a child in school, would be necessarily better served through consolidation with other districts seems ill-considered. Furthermore, the tremendous amount of time and energy that would go into such reorganization would be far better spent on improving existing instruction.

I would not object to statute providing financial incentive for districts like Stonington and North Stonington to join forces, provided voters are willing, but to force such a change on unwilling populations is to court the widespread disfavor of both voters and employees in the affected districts.

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