

To Whom it May Concern,

Hello, I am a very concerned mother of 4 children, That I've been raising in Northford /North Branford for all of their lives, We chose this small town because of the sole purpose of it being small we like knowing everyone in town. We like our children being friends with everyone and knowing the parents, store owners, police officers, firemen, bus drivers all personally, we are a very close community and we'd like to keep it that way. Our children should not be subjected to change of schools with larger classes sizes where they barely get the attention and help they need or deserve, longer bus routes, which some of the children are already on the bus for over an hour ,Would this mean earlier start times and later end times when are our children suppose to have time to for after-school activities, homework, eat dinner, shower ,family time,sleep. What about sports for these kids this town has children of all ages that love all types of sports how is that going to fit into with a much larger group when teams are only formed with a certain number. How will this help our children by uprooting them from where they are comfortable where they were more or less brought up, on a personal note , I will not lose my 9 year son to the system because someone believes larger classes are better or to save a buck, I know now my son and the other children if they need help and one on one support they get it, whos going to promise me that in a larger classroom, I have a daughter that graduated from North Branford High School with a 3.99 GPA and is Graduating in May from the University of New Haven with 2 majors and 2 minors in Forensics and Bio-Chemistry and my other daughter is graduating in North Branford High School with a 3.58 GPA so my children are small proof that small towns have promise. Please help our children, do not let their education suffer, or let our children get lost to the system. Think of the small children that anxiety, as it is going to school on an everyday basis and can't deal with change, do you really want to put more strain on a poor child, or a parent.

Thank You,  
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