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Opposition to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

As a parent of public school students, I strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

We moved here for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us here. None of these bills include even one mention of school quality.

The proposed Regionalization bill erodes the quality and the character of our local schools, which erodes the quality of our town.

I am concerned about potential impact of larger school sizes, decreasing administrator and community engagement if the regionalization were to be mandated.

There have been online posts from people out of state that this is already preventing them from coming to CT. If people no longer wish to move to CT because of these regionalization bills, we will have issues with the economy of not only our town but the entire state.

I hope you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Sincerely,

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