

State Senator Kevin Witkos,

I am writing this letter to express my deep opposition of the following bills SB 738, 457 and 874 that have been proposed by the legislations. I don't think that regionalizing our school system will benefit our children. I see that it will cause more harm than good. I don't want our children cheated out of the quality education they are receiving now. I can't see how this regionalization can save our town any money. Cutting this cost only seems to cut our children's education, not counting the cost to do the upgrades to put these bills forward.

My son has just been diagnosed with ADHD and a reading disability. His teachers and Support Staff worked very hard to write him an IEP for him. I am concerned that he would get loss in the process. I do not that Special Education teachers and Support should be shared by several districts. This would undermine their services and the effectiveness of the programs.

We moved into our neighborhood because it was close to the schools. Now instead of a five minute walk, he would be bussed out of town. That would be a terrible idea for a child with ADHA. I have been pleased with the teacher availability and after school programs. This can also result in loss of learning, homework time and any after school extracurricular activities. I doubt we would have all these opportunities in a regional school. Regionalization would change his daily routine, involvement in the community and opportunities offered.

My son plays sports and I fear this will also change. Regionalized teams would mean less room on the team. Sport is an important for socialization, exercise and team building skills. Colleges also look for sports participation. Less opportunity for our children would be a major concern.

Respectfully,

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