

RE: Bill 457 and Bill 738

To Whom It May Concern,

Forced regionalization is a bad idea on many fronts.

- Who is going to pay for the new schools to house all of the students?
- The bus routes for many students will be upwards of an hour or more. How is that beneficial to learning or advancement of education?
- What are the towns to do with the existing schools that will now be vacant? They will have to be maintained or the buildings will deteriorate and erode neighborhoods and property values.
- Vacant schools will need to be repurposed. At whose cost? What repurpose?

THIS IS A BAD IDEA. HARTFORD NEEDS TO STAY OUT OF INDIVIDUAL TOWN NEEDS WITH RESPECT TO EDUCATION. PLAYING FAST AND LOOSE WITH OUR CHILDRENS EDUCATION IS THE FASTEST WAY TO DRIVE PEOPLE OUT OF THIS STATE, EVEN MORESO THAN THE HIGH TAXES.

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