

## OPPOSE

Below is my testimony on bills SB 738 and SB 457.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 738 and SB 457, the bills to force regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

My reasons are as follows:

- It will not save money
  - The cost of combining resources, retrofitting schools, and leveling up salaries, and sorting through legal obligations will offset any savings.
- It will eliminate local control
  - Our district attracts the best teachers and administrators who value small districts and personal connections as much as I do. This is true of many smaller school districts.
- It will harm school quality
  - Any consideration of mandatory consolidation of schools must start with education quality and there is no proof that larger schools are better than smaller ones.

Please oppose SB 738 and SB 457, the bills to regionalize Connecticut schools.

Thank you,

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