

Connecticut General Assembly

Committee on Education

Public Hearing March 1, 2019

Proposed S.B. 457

AN Act Concerning the Size of School Districts

My Name is John Chunis. I live in Rocky Hill Connecticut. I have been a resident and taxpayer in Connecticut since 1975.

I **Oppose** this bill.

Regionalization of school districts should not be mandated by the state. Small towns should have the choice to merge their schools if they so choose which is currently permitted. There are numerous regional schools in Connecticut already. Mandated regionalization takes control of education away from the individual towns and just creates a state bureaucracy.

Bigger does not equate to better and reduces the ability of people to make changes in a changing environment. This is contrary to democracy and liberty.

Please vote **NO** on S.B. 457

Thank you for allowing me to provide my comments.

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