

Dear Education Committee,

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

We moved to Somers specifically for the “high quality” small town school system here. My older son thrived here in both the elementary and middle schools because of the attention given to him due to the small classroom sizes and immediate accessibility to all his teachers, principals and administrative staff. Speaking from experience, these opportunities simply don’t exist in a bigger school system with much larger classroom sizes, fewer educators/administrators and far less community interaction. This in turn, would ultimately eat away at the quality and character of our schools which would undeniably carry over to eroding the value of our town. And if this were to truly happen, I’m afraid we will be forced to move out of Connecticut.

In conclusion, we ask your help by please rejecting SB 738, SB 457, SB 874 and any other bill that recommends any kind of forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools!

Sincerely,

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