

I do not support the Regionalization of schools. I do not support SB 738, SB 874 or SB 457.

This is none other than an attempt to take local control from schools and dumb down educational instruction to “level the playing field” in the guise of social justice.

No parent should be required to surrender control over their child’s education to a state bureaucracy. The proposed policy is a blatant attack on parental rights.

Taxation without representation is tyranny. The regionalization of schools is forced allocation of taxpayer dollars to areas that do not generate the actual income to support their local education system.

Arguments that school regionalization saves money constitutes a ruse. This policy is not acceptable and is the first step in handing control over all local public schools to state bureaucrats. This current proposal for school regionalization, should it be implemented, would create a system that mirrors state education systems in former Nazi Germany and Soviet style Socialist Countries. This policy is not acceptable in Connecticut or any American state.

Almost any policy would be justified on the basis of saving money – school regionalization is bad policy, pure and simple. Arguments in favor of school regionalization do not address the basic issue – wresting local school control from the local taxpayer and their locally elected representatives – which is a limit on local representation, parental control over their child’s education, fundamental constitutional rights of citizen taxpayers and accountability by local representatives for school management and education results.

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