

SUBJECT: OPPOSITION TO SB 738, SB 457, AND SB 874

AS A PARENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT IN CT, I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 738, SB 457, AND SB 874 AND ANY OTHER BILL THAT OPENS THE DOOR TO FORCED REGIONALIZATION OF CONNECTICUT PUBLIC SCHOOL.

I HAVE MOVED INTO MY TOWN OF SOMERS FOR THE HIGH QUALITY OF EDUCATION, LOW DROP OUT RATE, HIGH TEST SCORES, AND A STRONG SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM. I FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT MY TWO BOYS (GRADE 2 AND GRADE 4) GOING TO A SMALL SCHOOL IN A SMALL TOWN THAT I HAVE WORKED HARD TO BE ABLE TO LIVE IN.

I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE IDEA OF REGIONALIZATION. THE IMPACT OF LARGER SCHOOLS FOR MY CHILD IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IS FRIGHTENING. THE ABILITY TO ACCESS THE RESOURCES HE MAY NEED WILL BE LIMITED AS I STRUGGLE TO TO COMMUNICATE WITH ADMINISTRATION WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE STRONGLY INTUNE WITH THE PROGRAMMING HE HAS BEEN RECEIVING. KNOWING I CAN EASILY AND QUICKLY SPEAK WITH ANY MEMBER OF MY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION TEAM REGARDING BOTH MY CHILDREN IS IMPORTANT TO ME AND MY FELLOW TOWN CITIZENS.

PLEASE KNOW THAT NOT ONE OF THESE BILLS MENTIONS CREATING HIGHER QUALITY SCHOOLS BUT RATHER THEY ARE ONLY BASED ON FINANCES. DOES CONNECTICUT ONLY SEE EDUCATION AS A BUSINESS OR DO WE SEE OUR STATE'S FUTURE IN OUR CHILDREN??

IN CLOSING, PLEASE OPPOSE SB 738, SB 457, AND SB 874 AND ANY OTHER LEGISLATION THAT OPENS THE DOORS TO FORCED REGIONALIZATION OF CONNECTICUT'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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