

To whom it may concern,

As a parent with three children in New Canaan Public Schools, I am adamantly OPPOSED to bills SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874, and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

Forced regionalization will be detrimental to New Canaan Public Schools. The reason we chose to move to Connecticut, as well as what keeps us here, is the outstanding quality of New Canaan's Public Schools.

Regionalization will erode the quality and the character of our local schools, which erodes the quality of our town. Our schools are already at maximum capacity. The potential impact of larger school sizes will negatively affect administrators' and faculty's ability to do their jobs and provide quality work and support to our students.

The Connecticut economy is already in big trouble. The whole process of regionalizing will cost the state even more money with damaging results. Regionalizing the Public Schools will keep families from choosing Connecticut as their home, and potentially influence companies to move out or keep them from moving to Connecticut because they want to hire good people and keep their employees and their families content.

I hope you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Sincerely,

Polly Gardiner
Town of New Canaan Resident