

Bill 457 and Bill 738

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Forcing towns to regionalize because of size takes away parent's freedom to choose what is best for their family. The school family is central to the socialization of the family for many years; both children and parents. The cohesiveness of this family will be destroyed by regionalization.

We lived in several places; East Hartford, New Britain, West Hartford before we started having children. After our son was born we made the decision to move to Durham and raise our family in a small town. I grew up in Durham and wanted to raise my family here rather than a larger town such as East Hartford where my husband grew up.

Forcing Durham and Middlefield (Regional School District 13) to regionalize with Middletown and Cromwell will greatly impact the small town atmosphere that we chose to raise our children. The effect will be more far reaching than just the school community. Greater regionalization will impact towns' home sales, building, etc. and by extension the consequences to small businesses in town will be deeply felt.

Respectfully,

Kim Garvis