

**Derrylyn Gorski
First Selectman
Town of Bethany
Member COST Board of Directors
Public Hearing Testimony
Education Committee, LOB Rm. 2E 1:00PM
Friday, March 1, 2019**

RE: SB 457: AN ACT CONCERNING THE SIZE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify about SB 457.

At the February 25, 2019 regular Bethany Board of Selectmen meeting the following motion was passed unanimously:

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bethany's position regarding regionalization is that the Town of Bethany and all Towns should determine whether or not to regionalize. If a town determines it should regionalize the Towns should determine its own regionalization destiny and not have it forced upon the Town.

We are in support of evaluating the merits of regionalizing- we support measures to facilitate voluntary shared services and regional approaches where it is determined that savings can be achieved and the quality of education preserved.

Thank you for your consideration.