

To whom it may concern,

As I read articles and details on **Bill 457 & Bill 738** being introduced I find myself very upset. I moved to the small town of Hebron CT for the small town community and the great school system that it has a reputation for. We already have a regional (3 town) middle & high school system. I think it would be a waste of money to change the existing regional school system that has been in place for many decades.

I don't want my children riding an hour bus ride to get to a school that is HUGE in another town. That would affect there after school activities since they would ride the bus for such a long amount of time they would get home later and start activities/homework later. They would probably lose sleep as well since they need to get up that much earlier to make it to school on time.

I understand the need to make more efficient schools and budgets. The decision should be made on the town levels NOT the state levels. To propose such a large action that would affect so many in a negative way is irresponsible. People move to town for schools! Why would i stay in a town with high taxes that go mostly to the school systems if they just get shipped to other towns? How expensive would that be for people to move after this proposed bill because they are upset with the decisions that state has made. My husband and I work hard to afford our home in the town we choose and expect to be able to send out kids to the school that we moved here for.

To reiterate. I am VERY OPPOSED to this idea and am disappointed in the public officials who would think this would be a good idea.

Regards,

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