

RE: SB 874, SB 457, SB 738

We are writing to you today to ask to please vote AGAINST these 3 bills and against forced school regionalization.

We moved to Connecticut about 9 years ago from the Midwest and chose Connecticut over neighboring states, because of the school systems. We also chose the small town we currently reside in for the school system and no other reason. There is nothing holding us here in Connecticut, besides our schools. If they go away, we will go away too.

Bigger schools and school districts are not the answer. We are all for saving money at the local and state level but please do so by cutting other expenses and making regionalization voluntary. Or offer additional resources for schools to save money without consolidating against their will. Have a discussion with the school districts and get their input. Forcing regionalization may save some money, but will cause all sorts of other problems for students and residents and cost money in other areas.

We'd like to ask you to please focus your efforts on improving the QUALITY of the education for Connecticut students. Regionalization is not the answer.

Thank you,
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