

Dear Education Committee:

Please note that I am not in favor of Bills 457 and 738.

Local school districts should be allowed to figure out whether or not regionalization is necessary. I believe that economic realities and dwindling school population in some districts will naturally enforce the need for regionalization. Local districts, not government in Hartford, are closer to the aspects of geography, bus routes, school population, existing school facilities/buildings, and economics that are key issues in whether or not to merge with another district or districts.

Thank you for taking my testimony into consideration as you consider Bill 457 and Bill 738.

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