

To Whom It May Concern:

As a parent of public-school students, I strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

It's important you understand that we moved here for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us here. There is no evidence indicating that this will ultimately save money given the costs of combining resources. In addition, none of these bills include even one mention of school quality.

These bills erode the quality and the character of our local schools, which destroys the quality of our town and we are extremely concerned about potential impact of larger school sizes, decreased administration and lower community engagement.

There is great evidence that this is already preventing people from coming to Connecticut and is actually driving decisions of people to leave Connecticut. As a matter of fact, my family is thankfully in a position to move should these bills pass and will absolutely do so should the state force New Canaan to regionalize. I know at least 10 families that can and would do the same.

I hope you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Thank you for taking into account my view as a 20-year resident of the state of Connecticut.

Most Sincerely,

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