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To the Members of the Education Committee:

We write to you today **in opposition to the idea of forced regionalization** proposed in SB 457, SB 738 and SB 458.

As drafted, these bills show very little thought and offer no research to support the proposals. There is no assurance of cost savings to our town. Of most significant concern, there is no mention whatsoever of any benefit to children. As parents, our children are clearly our first priority. These bills do not make children the first priority, and because of that, we strongly oppose the bills.

The majority of families move to Darien for our outstanding schools. We are proud of the hard work done by Darien's Board of Education, the District Administration and our outstanding teachers and staff. We are also proud of the fiscal responsibility of Darien and know that our town is in excellent financial shape. We do not want the residents of Darien to be penalized for the mismanagement of other towns. We urge you to take these bills off the table until the idea of regionalization has been fully researched and the intent of the bills is a better educational experience for all students in Connecticut.

Respectfully,

Collin and Megan Kilroy