

## Bill 457 & Bill 738

I would like to respectfully go on record opposing consolidation and regionalization of schools in CT. My tax dollars are currently paying for a renovation for my kids' neighborhood school. This small building would likely close if regionalized. This would be a waste of valuable resources and tax dollars.

I'm an educator and we are maximizing every minute of the school day. We cannot have our days cut short to accommodate longer bus rides. In addition it would not be fair for the students to jump right into their day after sitting on a bus for an hour or more. If a parent utilizes their choice and opts for a magnet placement that is their decision but we cannot expect all kids to travel that length each day.

Above all else, we would lose teaching positions. That is not right. Many districts are already using cost share measures and drastically cutting their budgets. We cannot lose teaching jobs.

Respectfully,  
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