

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Julia Lehman, residing in Wilton, Connecticut.

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.

The following reasons support my opposition:

- We moved here for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us here
- If you have researched, provide evidence indicating that this will not ultimately save money given the costs of combining resources, or any other impact you've found
- None of these bills include even one mention of school quality
- Erodes the quality and the character of our local schools, which erodes the quality of our town
- Concern about potential impact of larger school sizes, decreasing administrator and community engagement, etc.
- Evidence that this is already preventing people from coming to CT, or is driving decisions of people to leave CT

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.

Sincerely,
Julia Lehman