

Dear Connecticut State Lawmakers,

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to S.B. 457, 738 and 874. I have lived in New Canaan for twelve years and have three children. My eldest child recently graduated from New Canaan High School and my other two children are students of New Canaan High School and Saxe Middle School. We have been very happy with the New Canaan schools are very concerned about the proposed legislation that would regionalize CT school districts.

I believe that “bottoms-up” local government generally produces the best outcome for citizens. I think that is particularly true of education. As parents of students in the New Canaan School district, we have had the honor to volunteer in school programs, get to know the faculty and staff and actively participate in our community schools. Not only does this result in a better educational experience for our children, I believe it also strengthens our overall community.

My fear is that regionalization of schools would result in a less personal and more an assembly line or factory style of education. Larger numbers of student may fall through the cracks and not reach their full potential as a result.

CT’s public school system is one of the greatest assets of the state. Please don’t break something that already works very well.

Respectfully,

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