

Vote: **NO**
Bills: **SB457, SB738, SB874**

Dear Legislators,

I am strongly opposed to the proposed bills. My kids are students at Lyme Consolidated school, part of Region 18. Lyme and Old Lyme are part of Region 18. We might be small towns by population, but definitely large in our area.

In the proposed bill Lyme got connected with towns across the Connecticut River. Sending kids there would take a long time. How much would that increase the cost of transportation? Our spending per student maybe slightly higher than the average spending in the State but definitely our kids performance is above average. I think it's a good indicator of a well functioning system.

People chose to live in quiet towns, like ours, and send them to small schools where the teachers know the kids by name. Should our government be in charge of those changes and how would that influence the value of our properties?

I believe people in each town and school officials know better the situation at our schools and have good ideas as to how to fix it. A lot of school services are already consolidated. The State doesn't need to spend any tax payers money on forming commissions to tell us what to do. Better to use that money to improve school that need it.

I really appreciate your time and consideration to my petition and vote.

Kind regards,
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