

To our Connecticut lawmakers,

I am writing as a resident of New Canaan, Connecticut, as a mother of two children and as a steward of education for all the children in our community to urge against regionalization of school districts. I feel these proposed legislations (S.B. 457, S.B. 738, S.B. 874) are in direct opposition of why my husband and I chose to raise our family in the wonderful town of New Canaan, Connecticut. My husband was born and raised in New Canaan and attended the public schools in town. We chose New Canaan specifically for the strength of the public school system and our ability to have a voice in our children's education. Regionalization of school districts would inevitably result in a diminution of our voice as parents in the educational decisions of our children, and significantly alter the educational experience we have worked so hard to afford our children. The public educational system in towns like New Canaan are a huge draw for professionals like my husband and I, however if Connecticut regionalizes school districts, you will have many who will likely move and those who frankly will never even consider making Connecticut home. I am one of many who feel forced regionalization is the wrong path for our children, for our town, and our state.

Thank you,

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