

To whom it may concern,
Regarding: Bills #'s 738, 457 & 874

My name is Kristina MacPhail and I am a Monroe resident. I am against regionalization of the schools and this letter is for written testimony for bills number 738, 457 & 874. As a tax paying citizen of Monroe I choose to live there despite the higher taxes. My husband and I choose Monroe because it has some of the best schools not only in the state, but in the country. Our school system is consistently at the top of the best schools and communities to live in throughout the state. Our schools have won numerous accolades and awards both locally and nationally. I choose the community because I want my three young children to be influenced by a community that cherishes a hard work ethic, civic responsibility, community, honesty, integrity, and places a high value on education. My biggest concern with regionalization of either superintendents, administration, schools, etc. is the effect that it would have on the moral of our town, teachers, and students. This kind of proposed change may save a few dollars but what will the true cost really be? Look at the statistics from schools in the south that have rationalized their districts, it has been to the detriment of their students. I am not prepared to sacrifice my children's education and the things that I have worked hard for to provide my children with the best school opportunity possible. This will not give children the best opportunity possibly, in fact it will be the opposite. I urge you to not regionalize the district!

Thank you,
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