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RE: Opposition to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

To Whom it May Concern:

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, or any attempt to penalize public schools for NOT regionalizing.

PERSONALIZE YOUR LETTER WITH THESE IDEAS AND DELETE THE REST:

Include your reasons for opposition and let them hear your personal perspective, examples could include:

- o We moved here for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us here
- o 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
- o None of these bills include even one mention of school quality
- o Erodes the quality and the character of our local schools, which erodes the quality of our town
- o Concern about potential impact of larger school sizes, decreasing administrator and community engagement, etc.
- o Evidence that this is already preventing people from coming to CT, or is driving decisions of people to leave CT
- o NOTE: declining property values is NOT likely to be something legislators care about, but the CT economy is

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,
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