

February 28, 2019

Re: S.B. 457, S.B. 738, S.B. 874

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of New Canaan, CT. I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose S.B. 457, S.B. 738, S.B. 874. Regionalization of the schools, and a “one-size-fits all” approach will not create an effective and efficient approach to education. To the contrary, it will be detrimental to our children, our schools and local communities. I would also expect that regionalization of the schools will drive down overall property values and real estate taxes, which will put additional pressure on the funding of our school systems. Connecticut already faces tremendous financial pressure because the State has not been able to attract businesses or individuals because of high taxes. Instead, it is driving businesses and individuals out of the state at an alarming rate. Many communities in Connecticut are known for their great school systems, and it is one of the very few remaining reasons for people to choose to live in Connecticut. Please do not advance legislation to destroy our school systems.

Sincerely,

Ernest J. Nedder

Resident of New Canaan, CT