

Bill 457 and Bill 738

I think regionalization of the public education system would be a great thing to cut costs. But why stop there, the towns in each region should also consolidate town services such as Fire and EMT and police services. Why do we have to fund separate departments in each town? Volunteers are the greatest, but in some rural towns, response by EMS goes two or three tones asking for responders and then finally when there is no response, mutual aid is called for from neighboring towns. That goes the same for towns with no paid police department which are covered by the state police. Regionalization of fire, EMS and Police departments could lead to shorter response times which would be valuable in emergency situations. Regionalization could lead to paid police, fire and EMS services for every town which would then guarantee dependable 24 hour emergency services.

Town governments should also be a part of regionalization. Each educational region should have one government administration as having 169 fiefdoms is a waste of time and money. Each town in the region could have a representative sent to the regions decided seat of administration. No need to have a 1<sup>st</sup> selectman and full governments in each town just one per region. Same with the board of educations (superintendents and whatnot) and all town services including road crews should be shared. The time has come to consolidate to save time and money.

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