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

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.

I moved to Weston 4 years ago from California. I specifically chose Weston for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps me here.

From what I've read, none of these bills include even one mention of school quality. Regionalization will erode the quality and the character of our local schools, which will erode the quality of our town.

I am concerned about potential impact of larger school sizes, decreasing administrator and community engagement, etc.

These bills are already starting to sway people away from coming to CT and our community. It's also likely a driving decision of people to leave CT. And if the school quality declines, it will be a reason I would move out of CT. People leaving CT will harm the economy of the state.

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.

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