

Senate bill 457 & Senate bill 738

My name is Naomi Rosenstein and I live in Bethany along with my husband, our newly three-year-old son, and our 11-year-old Labrador retriever. We moved to Bethany because of many things, but first and foremost on our list was the school system.

As a teacher of 15 years, I understand the importance and the value of a high-quality education. Having taught in multiple districts around the state in those 15 years, I learned a great deal and valuable insight into where I wanted to buy a home to raise my family and have my child attend public schools.

We moved to Bethany because of the education they would receive being in a small town as well as part of the Amity school district. Seeing the proposed plan for redistricting towns and putting Bethany into the Hamden school district hurts me to my core. Amity is a blue ribbon district. Amity is recognized not just locally but state wide as well as nationally for their academics. Combining Bethany into the Hamden school district is a terrible idea. I know I speak for many families when I say that we did not move to Bethany for our children to go to school in Hamden.

If this proposed bill goes through and passes, we will be looking into private school education as well as moving. This thought breaks my heart as we moved to Bethany and purchased our forever home.

Thank you for taking the time to hear from everyone and for taking your citizens and their thoughts, opinions, and feelings into consideration regarding this matter.