

Bill 457 and Bill 738

To whom it may concern,

As a very concerned citizen, I am writing to voice my disapproval of the proposed forced consolidation of our schools. While Connecticut has a host of problems, many so severe that we are fourth among states with the highest percentage of outbound moves, **one shining light here is our school system**. We can be proud to be ranked the fifth best state in the country for K-12 education. But consolidating school systems will take away local control, disproportionately hurt children from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, and not provide enough savings to offset the harm it will cause.

Sincerely,  
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