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Dear Education Committee Members,

I am opposed to the regionalization of schools proposed by Bill 457 and Bill 738, as well as the Governor's Bill 874.

A goal that parents have had for generations is to give their children the opportunities for success and a better life than they themselves had. To achieve this, parents work hard and earn enough money to choose the town they want to live in and the schools they want to send their children to.

Forcing school regionalization by drawing lines on a population map is capricious, arbitrary and unacceptable. The argument that this will save money is equally laughable.

What better proof of the negative impact this would have than today's report that single home sales in CT are down 14.5% in comparison to Jan. 2018. The proposed increase in taxes has probably already been enough to scare people away from moving to CT... one can only imagine what further negative effect school regionalization will have on the desire to live in our great state.

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