

Subject: Bill 457 and Bill 738

To whom it may concern:

I oppose Bill 457 and Bill 738 which appear designed to force consolidation of school districts. While the goal of improving efficiency is important, the size of a district does not correlate well with its efficiency/ In other words, bigger is not necessarily better, and may even have certain dis-economies. More importantly, the proposed approach in these bills does nothing to consider the effectiveness of any school district in delivering positive student outcomes, such as reading and math proficiency.

The measure of "success" should not be students per district but rather the level of student outcomes a district produces per dollar of spending tht it consumes.

Anything else risks diluting effective smaller school districts and while allowing ineffective large ones to continue to underperform.

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