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To: Education Committee

From: Scott Silvers

I'm writing this email to demonstrate my opposition to the regionalization of school districts. Having grown up in and educated in Connecticut I have first-hand witnessed and experienced the importance of allowing local community members and educational leaders the power to shape our children's education in the public school system. Regionalization would not advance efficiency but the exact opposite by discounting and undermining the important and vital work being done at the local level. A one size fits all approach will not work and does not work. This can badly damage the CT educational system's stellar reputation. My father was a long-time employee for CT Education Association so I've lived this my whole life to understand the value of community members having an impact in our children's education. Regionalization is NOT the answer for CT.