

### **Opposition to proposed bills SB 457, SB 738 and SB 874**

This is to voice my opposition to the above stated bills. It is my feelings that each of our towns has the right to administer their schools as much as we will not consider sharing a First Selectman, Town Board or any Town Governmental Department.

Schools are the “back bone” of our communities it attracts residents, home purchasers and even businesses. Once we initiate a sharing process for education, what next? Will the State of Connecticut take charge of all of the “smaller” towns? While one of the bills states that this is only for towns with 2000 or less students, but what happens when that doesn't work will that number be raised?

At this time our state has much greater problems to overcome in order to solve our fiscal crisis the area of education is not the greatest issue. There are so many problems to deal with that are causing many to leave our state, don't add to this problem by enacting any of these bills.

To state once again, I am in complete opposition to these bills.

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