

February 26, 2019

To Whom it may concern,

We are writing to you to plead that you vote NO to regionalizing Connecticut's school system. We are the parents of two elementary school students and we strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874 and any other proposed bill that suggests regionalizing the public schools. We recently moved to New Canaan from New York City, when considering which suburb to move to and raise our children in, we looked in several towns in Westchester, New York and Connecticut but ultimately chose Connecticut and more specifically New Canaan based on the schools, size of the town and charm of the area. Regionalization of the schools will in no way improve school quality, nor does this seem to be a concern at this point. We would strongly consider moving away from Connecticut if this sort of legislation is approved and assume MANY future residents will also take this in to account in choosing where to reside, which will ultimately greatly harm the state as a whole. Please oppose this legislation, which does not prioritize the interests of our children and their education.

We sincerely hope you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Sincerely,

Barbara and Joshua Snyder

Residents of New Canaan, CT