

Regarding Bills: SB 457, SB 738 and SB 874

Chairman McCrory and Sanchez, Ranking Members Berthel and McCarty, and esteemed members of the Education Committee, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on SB 457, SB 738 and SB 874.

We recently moved to Harwinton for the small hometown feel we have been wanting & working towards for years. We have been over the moon happy with Region 10 and the services my son has been receiving there for the past year at Harwinton Consolidated School.

Prior to this we had been living in Bristol and my son had only qualified for 15 minutes of speech therapy a week. We went to numerous meetings to try for more but were always turned away. We looked into private speech therapy which we could not afford. We were left with no other option for our child who was falling behind other than to pull ourselves up and move to a town with a better school system. Right away my son qualified for over an hour of speech therapy and he immediately took off. I credit this solely to the amazing teachers and therapists he sees every week. We recently went to a parent/teacher conference where the teacher told us our son was an “academic leader” in the classroom. Right then we knew we made the right decision moving to this district for our son and for our family!

Everyone is so welcoming and happy to help him. I cannot wait for our youngest son to get to go to this amazing school. The class sizes are smaller so he is never left out of feeling left behind. When we visit everyone knows his name and knows mine now, even with the short time we have been there. This is the type of school I want my children to experience and the type of school we moved here for. Please do not change the regionalization of our schools. There are so many of us that are so proud of our town schools and want to keep it that way. We love Region 10 and want to keep it the amazing way that it is!

Thank you again for hearing my testimony. I’m happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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