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I am a registered Republican and I vote in all elections.

I am in favor of regionalization of small school districts. I am in favor of bill 457 and I cannot speak to the efficacy of bill 738.

Regionalization has been successful for middle and high schools in our state. It is time for small elementary schools to regionalize. When attempted voluntarily, as in the case of Norfolk and Colebrook, failure to consolidate resulted.

Critical mass improves education for all students. Regionalization presents opportunities to build/renovate schools to make clean and efficient learning places. The resolution of Sheff v. O'Neill constructed new schools in urban and suburban areas. It's time the rural areas benefited from state provided improved education.

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