

Testimony: Opposition to S.B. 738, S.B. 457, S.B. 847  
An Act Concerning the Creation of Regional School Districts

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Honorable Members of Education Committee:

This letter is to express my opposition to S.B. 457, S.B. 738 and S.B. 874; all of which pertain to forced regionalization of school districts in Connecticut.

Forced regionalization of school districts will reduce quality of education in some districts and may increase quality of education in other districts. Therefore, it will decrease home property values in some districts and increase it in other districts. Forced regionalization actually will force wealth redistribution across school districts, which is not fair.

Forced regionalization will not reduce educational disparity. Parents who are devoted to education will enroll their children to private schools, move to a neighborhood with better school, or even move out of state. New good schools will emerge; population will allocate and relocate in new or changed neighborhoods, while differences among schools and neighborhoods will stay.

People who support forced regionalization embrace the idea of education equality. However, even if the education disparity among public schools were reduced through forced regionalization, and school performance across all public schools did become equal; the education disparity between public school and private school would definitely increase. Under forced regionalization, private schools will prosper and become more successful. The contrast of school performance between public school and private school would become extreme, like black and white, with little or no grey between, resulting a social structure is unstable and worse than before.

For all reasons above, I urge you to oppose forced regionalization of school districts in Connecticut.