

Honorable Members of Education Committee,

I am a resident in Woodbridge, CT in last 10 years and a mother of three kids - two elemental school age and an infant. I am writing this letter to strongly opposite bill SB738, SB457 and SB874.

School distract was formed based on natural collaboration and connection of the community. My three kids, for example, attended/attending daycare in Woodbridge and made many friends in towns of Bethany and Orange, and we had built lasting relationship with many of these families as well. It will be tough to tell my kids that they are no longer have the chance to be in the same school again with their friends when they reach mid-school age. Our bus driver has been on her routine for many years and is loved by the families. Will be very sad to loss her as forced reorganization of school distract may change bus routines.

Forced reorganization of school distract will not only break the natural alignment of local community, it also will be very costly and complex to implement. Among existing school facility, which one will be used, and among existing teachers, who will be hired for what school distract? What about all the bus routine and budget contribution of each town? All of these need high budget and years of works to settle down. As the state facing budget crisis and have already shifted many resource requirement to individual town, I can not image how could each town handle this additional resource requirement that is not only doing no good but harmful to each town.

I therefore strongly urge you to vote against bill SB738, SB457 and SB874.

Best Regards,

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