

February 27, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

I am unable to attend the Educational Committee meeting on Friday, March 1, but I would like to voice my opinion against regionalization. My comments are in regards to Proposed Bill 457, An Act Concerning the Size of School Districts and Proposed Bill 738, An Act Concerning the Creation of Regional School Districts.

Connecticut's educational system excels in comparison to many other states in the country and a big part of that reason is the smaller class sizes and schools. We recently moved from New Mexico, consistently ranked at the bottom, where class sizes averaged around 36 kids and most schools were either rated D or F. A large portion of our decision to move to Connecticut and pay significantly higher taxes was so that my daughter could have a better education, smaller schools and class sizes.

The small community schools give our kids the support they need to thrive in today's world. The old saying "It takes a village," is very true and our small community schools provide that to our children.

Let's keep Connecticut in the top 10 of schools in the country. DO NOT REGIONALIZE to save money.

Sincerely,

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