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RE: Opposition to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

As a parent of students in the New Canaan public school system, I strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874. Or any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

My wife and I moved to our town for the school system, it attracted us here, it keeps us here. Connecticut has already destroyed the economic value of being a state resident through taxes and its inability to get budgets under control. The evidence already shows the state is losing residents and taxpayers due to this, people continue to leave. I cite 2 sources (and there are many more):

- Connecticut ranks 3rd in Country for people moving out
- Ct fourth highest state in out state migration

This will present another reason preventing people from deciding to move to the state, adding to the economic quagmire of the state.

**These bills now want to open the door to solving the state's economic failings on the backs of students and parents.** I have news for you, it will fail miserably and add to the problem. You will remove one of the last remaining reasons for those of us who chose the state as a place to live due quality education, and we will leave. Using our family as an example, there is no other reason to stay, the economic advantage has disappeared, the education advantage will be taken away - we will leave. We might as well move to New York and be closer to family. .

This does not not even begin to touch on the following points

- Actual financial facts that combining resources saves money
- No mention of school quality impact, impact of larger school sizes, student-teacher ratios
- No study of impact to student commute time , and resulting quality of student life, at a time when schools are struggling with debate over start and end times of the school day
- Impact to property values, town values, and resulting impact to Ct economy

Do not try to solve economic problems with a proposal that does not attack the root cause of issues, and puts it on the back of other areas that are working well for the state. I hope you will consider these points and oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Sincerely

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