

To whom it may concern,

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This is a letter protesting SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874. My name is Emily Besson and I have been a Trumbull resident for over 3 ½ years.

When my husband and I moved from Norwalk, our main priority was to live in a town with a reputable school system. I have always heard how exceptional Trumbull's schools are and it was our number one reason for moving here.

Trumbull is an amazing community. Every parent I meet is fully, enthusiastically engaged in their child's education, extracurricular activities, sports, etc.

Now that my son has entered Kindergarten in the school system, I have been able to see first hand just how spectacular the school is. The thought of my children potentially not being able to attend our school is heart breaking. My son leaps onto the bus every morning with a huge smile on his face and loves every second of school. I want all three of my children to have this same experience.

Merging school districts would lead to more kids in one school. This causes many concerns. One is safety. I have zero doubt that my child is safe once he walks through those doors. His school holds a small and manageable population of students who are appropriately monitored by the staff. Adding more students could jeopardize this. Another is the learning environment. Small class sizes allow for better learning. Larger classes would certainly, negatively affect learning.

The uncertainty in these bills, as far as the regionalization goes is extremely unsettling. Will my children have to switch schools? Will their class size double? Will they be riding a bus for 45 minutes or longer across town, or to another town to attend another school?

Leave our small, close knit, community alone! Let our hard-earned tax money go toward the most important thing in the world to us: our children.

Thank you

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