

I'm writing in opposition to SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874.

I've yet to see any evidence that shows that regionalization will provide savings while preserving educational quality.

The state of CT is not in the position to do anything that erodes our property values or educational quality. Regionalization would do both of these.

People move to CT for the small town feel, good schools and local control of government. Small towns deliver these things in an efficient and effective way.

Canton has a below average cost per pupil while delivering above average educational outcomes. Why would there be any reason to change this?

If larger districts are spending more and getting lower than average outcomes then fix that but DO NOT mess with what works. Do not punish towns and boards of educations that work tirelessly to deliver responsible budgets and citizens that work to make the schools a centerpiece of our community.

Small towns like Canton deliver a quality education while always seeking out way to be more efficient (sharing a food director with a neighboring town, sharing transportation with other districts for special education students, combining the Board of Education and Town finance departments, pursuing Co-op agreements for sports teams).

Please do not force unfair legislation on towns that are continually striving to provide quality education and keep costs low. It doesn't make good financial sense!

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