

All,

Vis a vis S.B 457, S.B. 738, S.B. 874:

My name is Alexander Carles. I reside at 390 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan, CT 06840.

The proposal to consolidate school districts is totally unacceptable to me as a taxpayer and a resident of New Canaan. I have a 6 year old and an 8 year old at public school in New Canaan at West School; we love it. I chose to return to CT from New York because of the schools and the community. This proposal will ruin that.

I pay \$88,000 of real estate taxes currently. I pay over \$200,000 to the State of CT in annual income taxes.

I would be compelled to leave if you take away what I view as my right to local schooling.

I can assure you that if you assimilate the NC school system with neighboring towns, I will be compelled to leave CT.

Perhaps you do not understand:

I LIVE IN CT BECAUSE I ENJOY IT BUT NOT BECAUSE I HAVE TO.

IF YOU CHANGE THE SCHOOLING SYSTEM, THEN I WILL LEAVE BECAUSE I HAVE THE MEANS TO AND WILL ACCEPT THE LOSS ON MY PROPERTY.

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO THINK ABOUT FINDING THE NEXT TAX PAYER TO STEP INTO MY >\$288K OF LOCAL AND STATE TAXES AFTER I LEAVE - BECAUSE I WILL.

Sadly these hair-brained ideas are what have ruined our state and the legislature has no backbone or discipline to reject a continuation of the road to ruin.

I sincerely hope you make the right decision here.

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