

RE: S.B. 874
P.S.B. 457
P.S.B. 738

Dear Senate Education Committee members,

I am writing to strongly oppose S.B. 874, P.S.B. 457, and P.S.B. 738. It is shocking to me that Connecticut would even consider jeopardizing its quality school systems for short term cost cutting measures which may not even result in any cost cutting due to the bussing of student's longer distances and many other logical inconveniences. Each town in Connecticut has its own needs and the people of those towns are the best gauge of what their students need. For the children's sake each town requires the ability to make the choices that best benefit their students, whether it's improving a special education program, focusing on smaller classroom sizes, better school lunches, or many other issues. Having two towns or even more towns grouped together competing for what their town's schools need is completely counterproductive and we all lose with that kind of system. The students all lose their voice. Their guardians: the parents and the educators who influence their own towns decisions lose their voice. When we start turning our backs on parents, students, and educators, we are turning our back on Connecticut's most valuable asset the future generation of the state of Connecticut.

When you vote on anything related to School Regionalization, please take a moment to put everything else aside and consider the long-term loss the of control the parents, the students and the children will experience and how they will feel.

Thank you,
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I am writing respectfully to express my strong disapproval of S.B. 874, P.S.B. 457, and P.S.B. 738. I am disappointed that even a handful of senators in Hartford want to fight hard to sacrifice our own children's education as the solution to cost savings. What is going on here?
Tip O'Neill was Speaker of the U.S. House in the 1980's and his mantra was all politics is local and never forget who sent you. It would be nice if our representatives in Hartford would consider this as well.

Please consider that this legislation is going out of its way to cause stress to the families who elected you in the first place. The children of our communities deserve a strong local education that they have presently. Not some cheap, cost cutting of administrators or destabilizing redistricting proposal. I received a great education in the public school system in Connecticut, as most of you did I assume, and our current and future students deserve the same, not less.

Thank you all members for taking the time to read my letter and please vote what you truly believe is best for our communities.