

Chairmen McCrory and Sanchez, Ranking Members Berthel and McCarty, and esteemed members of the Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on SB 457, SB 738 and SB 874.

I am 100% against giving up our town schools! Why try to fix something that is working so well. I am a Realtor and the Schools here are the number 1 reason people are moving to New Canaan. There are no incentives for businesses and elderly to be here. Many are leaving and so many have already left! Is it smart to regionalize our schools? Giving more residents a reason to exit Connecticut! I will be one if this happens.

Let local boards decide what works for them. Different communities have different populations, different needs and curriculum standards, and most important, research shows that smaller schools and classrooms provide for better outcomes, especially as our special-education student population increases and classroom demands grow.

How long would the children have to be on the bus? This is crazy! Shouldn't it be a local decision and not mandated by those who don't live here?

Please don't allow this to happen.

Thank you again for hearing my testimony.
I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.
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