

To the Connecticut Education Committee, Governor Lamont, State Senators Duff & Looney:

Connecticut will FAIL if you pass bills SB 738, 457, and 874, or weave these ill-conceived, proven to fail concepts into any study, budget proposal or other back office methods to force consolidate schools.

As **proven** in West Virginia, Los Angeles, Chicago, Maine, Vermont – consolidation does NOT improve equality of outcome, does NOT reduce costs, and does NOT improve educational quality.

Any elected official who votes for this concept in bills currently proposed or in the future should be personally accountable for the negative impact on education as a pillar of Connecticut, decimation of property value (and therefore tax revenue) and the end of Connecticut as a place Americans wish to reside.

Vote no on bills SB 738, 457, and 874 and any budget or study that wastes time and resources on forced or incented regionalization of schools.

Thank you,
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