

February 27, 2019

Re: SB 457, SB 738, and SB 874

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.

These bills will degrade the Connecticut Public School System for Administrators, Teachers, and Students. The administration will be spread too thin, the teachers will be unprepared to deal with the new issues and priorities of students from unfamiliar towns, and the students will suffer from the over-stressed and unprepared administration and teachers.

While these bills will reduce the education expenses for the state in the short-term, Connecticut will lose residents as a result, and will no longer attract young families to the state for the fantastic public school systems.

Consequently, there is very little upside to these Bills, but there will be dramatic negative long-term consequences for the State of Connecticut, for Connecticut Residents, and for Faculty, Teachers, and Student in the Connecticut Public School system.

Please vote "NO" on these bills.

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

Sincerely,

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