



**TESTIMONY OF
THE CONNECTICUT PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)**

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Proposed S.B. No. 457 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SIZE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Proposed S.B. No. 738 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

My name is Judy Goldberg, Vice President of Government Relations for the Connecticut Parent Teacher Association. The Connecticut Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and its over 38,000 members is submitting this written testimony in reference to S.B. 457 and S.B. 738.

The CT PTA is advocating for research before implementation. CT PTA strongly urges that a task force be developed to study the impact of regionalization on communities in Connecticut. We urge the task force to explore what shared services towns are currently using and how it effects and benefits the towns and regions.

CT PTA believes that this issue needs to be studied and reviewed. The CT PTA stands ready to be part of the process as we represent PTA members from towns and regions across Connecticut as valued and respected members of our communities.

There are further concerns that the state is directing towns without understanding their needs and only considering finances and not impact on children and families.

About Connecticut PTA

Connecticut PTA comprises over 38,000 members consisting of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools and well-being of children. PTA is a registered 501(c) (3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education, children's health and child welfare. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health and welfare of children and youth.