

To: edtestimony@cga.ct.gov

Subject: Opposition to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

As a public school parent, I strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

The reasons for my opposition include:

- We moved to Darien, CT for the strong school system, and existing school quality is what keeps us here
- None of the aforementioned bills include even one mention of school quality and outcomes for our children which is my primary concern
- These bills erode the quality and the character of our local schools, which erodes the quality of our town and subsequently our property values
- I am highly concerned about the potential impact of larger school sizes and decreasing administrator and community engagement
- There is evidence that school reorganization is already preventing people from coming to CT and is driving residents to leave CT

My name is Brandt Hastings and I reside in Darien Connecticut.

I hope you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Sincerely,

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