

I am quite disturbed by the prospect of any politician supporting bills such as S.B 457, S.B. 738, S.B. 874 that propose regionalization of schools in CT. If you are truly a representative of the best interests of CT you would realize that the education system is one of the last real benefits we have going for us. As history has shown, whenever CT has followed the actions of other states it has not bode well for CT.

You are trying to take away truly unique aspects of local schools and making them all the same. This would decrease the level of pride in individual towns as the schools are a very big part of the towns. What would this mean for school pride? Please show me where the Fairfield County schools are failing our children in education and I will be more open to the idea. Rather than breaking the successful schools in an attempt to fix the unsuccessful schools why not focus on fixing the unsuccessful schools. That is like sinking all of the ships because one has a hole in it. Besides saving money it would be interesting to hear how this would benefit the education of our children as I do not see any benefit. I will not stand back and let you use my child's education as a pawn in your budget game.

The lawmakers in CT have taken it from being a very attractive state to live in to one that is losing residents in droves, especially in the more affluent areas of Fairfield County. This would be the last straw for me and I would also leave CT.

Best of luck in your endeavor and if you prevail I hope you enjoy living in a cookie cutter state that has lost of all its NE charm. I would imagine at that point all of the more affluent people will also leave and I wish you the best of luck with your budget process going forward.

Best regards,

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