

Chairmen McCroy 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.

I am not in support of any of these proposed bills on redistricting schools. We are already a regionalized district supporting two towns and I believe it should stay that way. Further changes will disrupt the education of our children. Busing to a further location will not create value for our kids. There are enough challenges the state of CT is facing with deficits and taxes and many companies and families leaving CT. It will be hard enough for the children in CT to stay in CT and settle here and find jobs. Let's not continue to make choices that will further disadvantage their future. CT has wonderful teachers and education for those that choose to work hard and follow through. These types of values start in the home they are not related to the cost per student ratio.

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

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