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Dear Legislators,

I am writing to you all to oppose regionalization of the Weston, CT school district for the following reasons:

- There is solid research supporting potential degradation of education quality.
- Property values could decrease.
- There is no empirical evidence to validate that such a move actually leads to cost savings. In fact, research by the National Education Policy Center concluded that benefits from school district consolidation are “vastly overestimated.”
- Further, an article in Education Finance and Policy suggested that district consolidation may actually create negative impacts such as higher transportation costs, a “leveling up” of salaries, and more negative attitudes among staff members and parents. The same study suggests that financial benefits may be found only when consolidation of very small districts (fewer than 300 to 1000 students) occurs.

We moved to Weston because the education system was one of the top in the state and the property values were significant. We urge you to vote no on Bills SB 738 SB 457 and SB 874 and preserve what is currently a wonderful system.

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