

## **Student Objection to Regionalization Proposal**

**Re: Senate Bill 457 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SIZE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Senate Bill 738 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Governor's Bill SB 874 AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT**

To whom it may concern,

I, a student of Lyme Old Lyme Middle school, can personally, and proudly say that our academic success is due to smaller classes. I do not support the idea of combining schools. Smaller classes equals more one on one time with a student and a teacher. Choosing to combine our Lyme Old Lyme school district with another, larger school would mean less one on one time with a student and his/her teachers. Many other students and I personally thrive when classes are small. Throwing students into an environment with many more students per class, will be overwhelming and will not benefit our academic growth. Not to mention that I want to personally get to know my teachers, I don't just want to be another student to the teacher, and for the teacher not just another student. Going to Lyme Old Lyme middle school and Mile Creek, I have connected with my teachers. I strongly believe that combining our school district has very little benefits, and a sea of negative things that will go along with combining schools. Many things that our town and schools believe in that makes Lyme Old Lyme schools different from all the other schools will be lost if we combined schools. Our schools believe in more one on one teaching and learning to further self growth, smaller classes benefits everyone. This is why I strongly disagree that combining schools will have a good outcome. I write this to speak for the majority of the town who strongly thinks that combining schools will be a monstrous mistake.

Sincerely,

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