

SB457 & SB738

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern and disapproval for forced regionalization of school districts. Individual communities have worked hard to establish relationships with the schools in our towns, electing officials from our towns to represent the interests of the students and administration, and providing resources we believe are needed for student excellence. Our budgets are independent of each other and forcing regionalization would create a financial nightmare in trying to appease tax payers, especially in lieu of the cuts from our state to suburban districts, like the one we live in. We work hard to keep increases at a minimum but I can't say the same for other districts in our area that would now be joined together with us.

Furthermore, the projected map actually breaks up some already regionalized school districts! I personally chose a town with it's own district to avoid regionalized schools. If I wanted my children in a regional school district, I would've purchased a home in one.

I am a public school teacher as well as seated member of the board of education in Rocky Hill and I cannot support any elected official who votes for and supports the forced regionalization of public schools. I am not alone in this as everyone I have spoken with from my district feels the same way.

Please vote NO to forced regionalization of school districts in Connecticut! Let us keep our schools the way they are.

Thank you for your time,  
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