

Dear Legislators,

I m writing to let you know my displeasure regarding the bill SB 454/738 proposed by senator Looney.

I see no particular benefit to this proposed idea of regional consolidation of schools.

This proposal is not at all a good idea to be floated by any our legislators in CT in all my years here. A small town and a city have nothing in commonality, be it demographically, geographically, financially or representatively. The consolidation plan proposed will cost each of us, taxpayers, more than we can handle and given the inability of all of us to deduct our SALT payments, it will cause bankruptcy for our town and the associated city as well. Neither community will be able to educate it's children properly, enormous bureaucracy will devour both communities and property values will plummet resulting in further flight of residents from the state & a resultant loss of tax revenue for the state. Everybody is going to loose here - every single student, regardless of where they live, will suffer, every single taxpayer will suffer and there would be noone left in CT. This is a plan that is going to fail and collapse quickly and rapidly.

The bill is creating uncertainty about education in CT. Uncertainty in education will deter investment in real estate and business and will create a long term damage to the state of CT.

Therefore, the bill should be withdrawn immediately.

I appreciate your attention to the statewide residents concern on this.

Best Regards,
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