

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose SB 738, SB 457, & SB 874

I moved to Ridgefield CT for the wonderful schools. Stripping local control of our schools will irreversibly change the character of my town. The bill being discussed will negatively impact our education quality. I have a son who receives special services. In a larger school environment his academics may suffer. The small town feel and the small classrooms is what makes Ridgefield so special. We are willing to pay a premium for our homes knowing we can live in such a special place. If the regulation does occur we will lose the small classrooms and small town feel. The town will no longer be as desirable as it is now.

Our town is very particular about the teachers we allow to teach our students. Regionalization will mean bigger classes. There is no proof that larger schools are better than smaller ones. There is also no evidence that save money for all involved. Consolidated schools means longer bus rides and can cause higher absenteeism.

In conclusion please oppose SB 738, SB 457, & SB 874, and bill to regionalize CT schools.

Thank you,
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