

## OPPOSE

Below is my testimony on bills SB 738 and SB 457.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 738 and SB 457, the bills to force regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

My reasons are as follows:

- It will not save money
- Larger school districts end up hiring more administrators, not fewer.
- It will eliminate local control
  - Our district attracts the best teachers and administrators who value small districts and personal connections as much as I do. This is true of many smaller school districts.
- It will harm school quality
  - I know all my children's teachers, and my neighbors are on the Board of Education. That's what makes Connecticut special.

Please oppose SB 738 and SB 457, the bills to regionalize Connecticut schools.

Thank you,

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