

I am writing in opposition to both Bill 457 and Bill 738. Forcing schools to regionalize without taking their unique characteristics into consideration is wrong.

We chose our town to live before we started a family largely because of the small town school system. Our daughter started kindergarten this year at the school about a mile away. We know all her teachers and administrators. She is happy and thriving.

To force our school to regionalize would remove our unique small town feel and the reason we chose to live in Eastford.

It's no secret that it's tough for the hardworking middle class to live in CT. The Eastford school system is one of the reasons we are planning on sticking around. Forced regionalization would be just one more reason added to a long list of reasons to move out of this state.

Please oppose forced regionalization.

Thank you,

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