

To Whom This May Concern,

My name is Elaine Morganelli, MD. I am an Ob-Gyn in Stamford, Connecticut and currently live in New Canaan, Ct. I have two children, ages 12 and 8 that attend the New Canaan Public Schools and I am writing in concern regarding the regionalization of the school system in Connecticut. I am complete against this decision and feel like because the state is in financial difficulties, they are going to attempt to save money and ruin the one good thing that this state has to offer, the individual town/city school systems. I unfortunately cannot make the meeting in Hartford on Friday as I have an office full of patients, but it is important that my voice get heard.

I chose to move to New Canaan specifically for the school system there. It is an amazing school district that is run exceptionally well and includes the parents and community in all the educational and safety issues within the school system. I would hate to lose this sense of community that would occur if this process takes place. Not to mention that my daughter is having learning issues in school and the school system has been amazing in helping to address these issues, a process that I know would be much harder if regionalization were to take place. I have lived in the state my entire life and it is so sad to see how the state had continued to decline because of bad leadership. Due to our high taxes, we have lost so many businesses without any new coming in, the housing market is atrocious and the only thing that keeps influx is the fact that we have these good school systems such as New Canaan. If regionalization occurs, then I can tell you, more people will leave the state. I cannot tell you how many patients have expressed their concerns to me over this.

Our world is changing and not for the better. Social media and the internet is destroying society. The levels of anxiety are increasing greatly and our children do not even know how to cope anymore. Do not take away the only good thing left they have is a more personalized school system in our state. If you want to make things better, then turn your agenda into adding daily mental health classes starting in elementary schools so our children learn how to deal with situations, rather than ruin the one good thing we have.

Focus your attention into fixing all the problems we have in the state, rather than destroying our school system.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

Elaine Morganelli, M.D.