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Education Committee-

I am writing to voice my opposition to SB457, SB 738 and SB874. I do not believe that regionalization would benefit the town of Weston. We currently have an excellent school system that is actually a draw for new residents and believe that Weston should be left to continue to manage its educational system on its own due to a long record of success, Blue Ribbon Schools & Schools of Distinction. I understand that bill 457 is designated for schools under 2,000 students and that Weston's student count is currently at 2,400-only slightly above the 2,000 student number, so that is too close for comfort and concerning. I'm also concerned with the financial penalty outlined in bill 874 for towns under 10,000 and districts with 1-2 elementary schools if they maintain their own superintendent instead of having a superintendent from a neighboring district or a regional board oversee. I know of no evidence that confirms that one executive overseeing multiple entities optimizes student and organizational impact or outcomes.

Respectfully,
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