

To Whom it May Concern on the Education Committee,

My wife and I moved to Weston because we wanted to live in a small town. We like that we can be heard in local issues. We like that our town has a strong sense of itself.

It is our right to manage our town schools at our town meetings. We don't want our town services to be decided for us by representatives of other towns. We want to figure out what works in Weston for Weston.

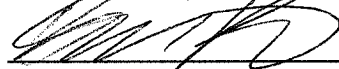
Neighboring towns and cities have different people with different goals. That is okay. We don't want our representatives to decide what works best for our neighbors. Our representatives don't know the issues they face. I am responsible for my children's education, not Hartford, not surrounding towns or cities.

One of the great things about Connecticut is local control. Our towns have identities. We aren't cookie cutter stamps of each other. Weston has a historic arts community, which repopulated the town in the 1930's. Other towns have their own stories. We appreciate them for their differences.

We are best equipped in Weston to make our own decisions.

I ask that you oppose any education bill which imposes regionalization on schools that is forced by any means, including withholding state funds.

Our Schools, Our Choice.



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