

**RE: S.B 457, S.B. 738, S.B. 874**

To our state representatives:

As you may aware that Connecticut lawmakers are currently discussing legislation that would impose regionalization of school districts based on either the number of students per district ([S.B. 457](#)) or the total population of towns and cities ([S.B. 738](#)). A third bill would establish a commission charged with developing a plan for the regional consolidation of school districts ([S.B. 874](#)). These bills represent a dismantling of the current educational system in our state and would significantly alter the educational experience for our children in our schools.

The New Canaan Public Schools have experienced first-hand the importance and value of local control of our schools. Quite simply, it is a foundational value of Connecticut's educational system, and one that has resulted in world-class educational outcomes for our children. Forcing districts to regionalize would necessarily result in a diminution of parents' and community members' voices in the educational decisions of their children, which would invariably lead to diminished outcomes for our children.

Our local superintendents are striving to balance efficiency with effectiveness, guided by the belief that education is an investment in our children, in our communities, and in our future.

For reasons mentioned above, I strongly disagree with S.B 457, S.B. 738, S.B. 874 and kindly ask your support on this matter.

Thanks and Best Regards,

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