

Good evening,

I'm writing to you as a concerned parent. I am highly against regionalizing schools. I specifically moved to Plainville with intent of raising my family here, and having my child go through the Plainville school system.

I pay taxes in Plainville and expect my child to attend only Plainville schools.

Firstly, my child has serious medical conditions- for that reason I work close by in case of an emergency and I need to get to my son ASAP. If we regionalize, it would take me extra time to get to my son in distress. That is not acceptable.

Secondly, it is not fair to our students who will have to wake up earlier and get home later and be on the school bus for a longer commute. I find this absurd when we have newer perfectly wonderful schools in our own back yard. Children already wake up way too early to go to school and do homework until late evening to begin to even possibly support this bill. It would mean less precious family time at home. Disruption from our daily lives.

Thirdly, how can you pluck a child out of the school system they have been part of from preschool- with friendships and their core support system. My son actually started in kindergarten, he progressed so rapidly he was excelled into first grade halfway through kindergarten. He had a tremendous support system and has since flourished and is in 8th grade-high honors. How can you remove him from the very system that supports him, his excelling mind and spirit. He had built strong relationships with his teachers, peers, and administrators.

Fourth- our high school is literally across the street from our home. How is it reasonable to force my son to go to school in Bristol or Plymouth when his very own school is literally across the street.

Fifth, after school or sports. How will these be affected?

I'm beyond upset and angry that this is actually a proposal. What about keeping our kids together, with their friends, neighbors and teachers. In their home towns. Which give them a sense of pride, respect and belonging.

Give the children a voice, and a choice. I don't foresee a child within the school system that would support attending schools outside of our own town.

With buses having to go even further, I can only imagine the number of snow days would increase. You can't expect busses to go from Plainville to Plymouth in bad conditions. And how expensive would all this transportation be? My son will walk to high school next year. So tell me how bussing him to Bristol or Plymouth would be cost effective?

Self esteem and confidence- I believe that if this bill is passed it would be detrimental to our children's self esteem and confidence. Especially with the massive bullying issues and suicide problems with our youth. I whole heartedly believe that there would be severe mental health

consequences for our children who are already tender due to hormones, school in general, life and peer pressure.

Class sizes- how can this be conducive to a supportive learning environment? I don't understand how making the classes larger will support our students. Never mind children like mine who are gifted and do not already receive the support they need because classes are already too large.

I 100% do NOT support this bill.

I will not allow my child to go to school anywhere other than Plainville.

Thank you

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