

February 28, 2019

Connecticut Education Committee Legislative Office Building  
Room 3100  
Hartford, CT 06106

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett and Melissa Baker  
439 Brookside Road,

New Canaan, CT 06840

Re: Opposition to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 Dear Members of the  
Education Committee:

As parents of three public school students, we vehemently oppose all  
school regionalization bills (SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874).

The following rationale against forced regionalization is fact-based, well  
informed and in line with common sense:

- SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 do **NOT** improve education.
- SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 do **NOT** save taxpayers money.
- SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 hurt small communities, like New Canaan.
- SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 are, in fact, already hurting my community by turning away prospective home buyers in New Canaan, who will easily look to Westchester County.
- SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 will hurt disadvantaged students the most. Personally, our family moved to New Canaan for the school system, which is efficient, effective and managed locally. **The one thing keeping us in Connecticut (and specifically New Canaan) is our locally controlled and operated schools.**

**Should the system change, and regionalization be forced upon us, our family will be forced to move to a different state, such as New York.**

- Please do what is right for hardworking families, who sacrifice more than you may realize, to live in small communities like New Canaan.  
Sincerely,
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- Garrett and Melissa Baker