

To the Members of the Education Committee:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to SB 454, 457 Governor's Bill SB 874.

We believe that decisions, especially impacting children, should be made locally by people who live in that community and best understand its needs. And who can be held accountable by voters and taxpayers in their towns.

The state's fiscal crisis necessitates new ways of solving problems. But these forced regionalization bills provide no evidence that they will do so, through either cost savings or improved learning for our children.

We urge you to oppose these bills as well.

Sincerely,

Amy and Tom Bell

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