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I am writing today to express my opposition to the current legislation Connecticut lawmakers are discussing 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](#)). I whole heartedly believe that it is important and valuable to have local control of our schools. This is the foundation that has made the Connecticut public school system one of, if not the best, educational systems in the country. Forcing districts to regionalize would 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 BOE has worked hard to establish a fiscally conservative budget which continues to advance our schools and enrich our students. Please continue to let our local residents make those decisions not people unfamiliar with our town and community.

Respectfully submitted

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