

RE: Opposition to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

To Whom it May Concern:

As a parent of a Darien public school student, I strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools, or any attempt to penalize public schools for NOT regionalizing.

We moved here for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us here. None of these bills include even one mention of school quality, but it's evident that they will erode the quality and the character of our local schools, which erodes the quality of our town.

Further, as a parent of a child with Special needs, I am concerned about the potential impact of larger school sizes, decreasing administrator and community engagement,. It's a proven fact that smaller class sizes are more beneficial than larger ones.

The state of our state is poor because our elected officials have chosen big labor over the well being of our state time and time again.

I hope you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Sincerely,
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