

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senator Looney and Senator Duffs proposed bills: PSB 738, PSB 457 and PSB 874 which would force regionalization of Connecticut public schools. Regionalization has proven in history to cause lower student achievement, disengaged teachers and a one size fit all education plan. This is not what we want for New Canaan, CT.

My husband and I moved to New Canaan, CT from NYC and Brooklyn. We did not leave Brooklyn until our eldest had to start school. We did not want to leave but left as we knew our children needed the best possible free education. We looked in Westchester County, NY but fell in love with New Canaan for its amazing schools and better housing tax wise.

Our children go to East School in New Canaan. Our daughter struggles in school and requires help in reading and we are so happy with the way the school is handling it. We believe our daughter thrives in the small school atmosphere that East can provide us without turning to private schools. Our town is now struggling in the housing market. Small businesses are struggling to keep afloat in our awesome town. To merge our schools and make them bigger would be devastating and a reason for us to move away. Do not make this town/county have more of a reason to fail. In short, these bills attack our most precious asset, schools, as a community.

For these very personal reasons I implore you for your support in opposing SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874 or any other efforts to force consolidation of Connecticut Public Schools.

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