

Vote:NO
Bills SB457, SB738, SB874

Dear Legislators,

I am strongly opposed to the proposed bills. My kids are students at Lyme Consolidated school, part of Region 18. Lyme and Old Lyme form this Regional School District. We might be small towns by population, but definitely large in our area. Lyme is located north of Old Lyme. In the proposed bill Lyme got connected with towns across the Connecticut River. Sending kids there would take a long time. How much would that increase the cost of transportation?

Our spending per student maybe slightly higher then the average spending in the State, but definitely our kids performance is above average. I think it's a good indicator of a well functioning system. People chose to live in quiet towns ,like ours, and send them to small schools where the teachers know the kids by name. Should our government be in charge of those changes and how would that influence the value of our properties?

I believe that the people in the town and school officials know better the situation at our school and have good ideas as to how to fix it. A lot of school services are already consolidated. The State doesn't need to spend any tax payers money on forming commissions to tell us what to do. What about spending it on improving schools with less academic achievements?

Thank you!
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