

I am writing to express my opposition Senator Looney and Senator Duff's proposed bills: PSB 738, PSB 457 and PSB 847 which would force regionalization of CT public schools.

My husband and I both were raised in Queens, NY and were unable to attend our local public schools. We had to attend private schools that offered a better education and had parents that struggled to pay for us to do so. We chose to move to New Canaan for their amazing schools and loved being a part of a town. My kids love living here and being a part of the NC Rams school spirit! Both of my children currently attend East Elementary school and I can't say enough good things about how they thrive in the small town school system. The teachers are so invested and love their jobs.

Regionalization has been shown to cause lower student achievement, disengaged teachers and a one size fits all education plan. This is not what we want for New Canaan. Since we've moved here almost 9 years ago our property values have decreased and people are moving out of CT not into the state. Our school system is one of the strong reasons people do move here and to take that away would be devastating to our town and community. If the schools are regionalized I believe our property values will plummet and would be a reason for us to move elsewhere.

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

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