

February 26, 2019

Mr. Alex Bergstein, Connecticut Senate District 36
Mr. Will Haskell, Connecticut Senate District 26
Ms. Lucy Dathan, Connecticut House District 142
Mr. Tom O'Dea, Connecticut House District 125

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

Dear CT Senators and Representatives,

As a parents of New Canaan Public School Students and as a residents of New Canaan and CT, we strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874 and any other bills that opens the door to forced regionalization of the CT Public Schools.

We moved here for the schools and the existing school quality is what keeps us here. These bills show no merit or concern for school quality. In actuality, they will only serve to erode our town's best asset, and be another source of revenue for a state that in my opinion is currently moving in the wrong direction. The evidence of this is shown by the many people and businesses that have been leaving CT, due to unfriendly policies. Lack of companies that want to headquarter and establish themselves in CT is a large problem for our state, and it will only be made worse by regionalizing our schools. Not only will new businesses, employees and families not want to move here, but you will have made it personal for those of us that already reside here. Any of these regionalization bills, or future bills like them would be a solid reason for our family, and we are sure many others, to take our jobs and families and move to a more welcoming less restrictive state.

No matter what your party we strongly encourage for the future of CT that you vote **NO** to the outlined bills above and any future bills that even remotely opens the door to forced regionalization of the crowning jewel of CT our Public Schools System.

Sincerely,

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