

March 5, 2019

SUBJECT: OPPOSITION TO FORCED REGIONALIZATION OF SCHOOLS

Dear Education Committee:

We are writing to ask your support in opposing SB 738, SB 457, SB 874 and any variations thereof which would create regionalization of Connecticut Schools.

Regionalization would destroy the local, personal nature of our schools and harm the quality of experience and education that our children currently receive. It has been shown that regionalization would not save money or reduce the cost per student, but would create larger school districts hiring more administrators.

We moved to New Canaan because of the schools and saw the importance and quality of local control of the school system by the dedicated Board of Education members, who are our neighbors, and the teachers and administrators who live in our community. Losing that would diminish the quality of the school experience in our town.

Our children went all the way through the New Canaan school system and received an excellent education and well-rounded school experience which well prepared them for their current college experience.

Their class sizes, often 25-30, were quite big enough, and any increase due to regionalization would certainly be a negative. Their bus ride was over 40 minutes in high school, and any increase due to regionalization would be outrageous. That said, their education was outstanding, and they were enriched by being a part of a vibrant local school and sports community. It would be destructive to our community and its children to take that away from future students.

We ask that you support our current outstanding schools by opposing SB 738, SB 457, SB 874 and any variations thereof that might arise.

Thank you,

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