

## I am opposed SB738, SB457 & SB874

In 1998 Marlborough withdrew from a Central Office Compact under which Marlborough shared a common Superintendent with Hebron, Andover and Region 8 High School (RHAM).

That arrangement did not work to Marlborough's benefit . The Superintendent was stretched too thin and the attention paid to Marlborough was also less than that given to Hebron and RHAM.

Marlborough's elementary school fell into disrepair while curriculum and policy manual updates lagged behind what was needed.

Marlborough hired their own Superintendent in 1998 saving \$10,000 per year, renovated the school and updated antiquated curriculum and policies.

Since then Marlborough has engaged the services of a part time Superintendent and has entered into agreements for an insurance consortium with Hebron, Andover and RHAM and has shared some part time personnel with other area school, but that was our decision and it was done voluntarily.

Our small towns should not be forced to regionalize. Being forced to do so is not in the best interest of our towns or our students.

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