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As a retired Connecticut teacher of 36 years, I am opposed to any form of regionalization. Regionalization does not save money. It may, in the long scheme of things, end up costing more just like the charters and magnets are presently doing. A more appropriate solution to this problem would be to properly fund neighborhood schools. Neighborhood schools allow everyone to be involved, connected and vested in their community/school. I was part of such a school for my entire teaching career. It took hard work, discipline and commitment. We were all proud to go the extra mile to see that the job was completed. Not only parents were involved but grandparents, the storekeeper, three churches, the Post Office and the Volunteer Fire Department all made our school a success story to be proud of. The state needs to stop the mandates, properly fund neighborhood schools and leave education to the educators. Regionalization, like common core, is not the answer. There are other ways to save money.

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