

Dear Members of Education Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Danielle Morfi and I live in North Haven, Connecticut. I stand in support of S.B. 874: AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT., S.B. 738: AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS and S.B. AN ACT CONCERNING THE SIZE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

As a parent of future students in North Haven and as a taxpayer deeply concerned with the onslaught of taxes to our lower middle-class income, I support the bills that are looking into regionalization of school districts. We must look at smart ways to consolidate resources to avoid regressive taxes such as those on medicine and groceries. I have seen first hand how inefficient our own BOE is with millions of bonded dollars to benefit a small amount of people- outside of the curriculum. The inefficiencies are staggering and we can save dollars by sharing high-salaried administrators and expanding access to more programs outside of our town walls. A commission researching the pros and cons of regionalization is the very least we can do to ensure that we are always providing ALL residents truly fair and equal educational opportunities.

I am deeply concerned with the aggressive fear mongering tactics of my own State Senator and State Representative. Mr. Fasano and Mr. Yaccarino have been blasting constituents with messages of “forced” regionalization, spreading misinformation that our town schools will be decimated. The intention of regionalization is not to take away from those who already have so much, as we do in North Haven. It is a way to finally ensure equitable and efficient funding for education. Everyone in our state deserves quality education. It should not depend on your zip code or income level.

I urge you to support these bills.

Thank you,

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