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legislature's Education Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
300 Capitol Ave. Hartford CT 06106

Dear Legislature Education Committee Representatives;

The purpose of this letter is to share and communicate our great concern that we have over the latest school consolidation bill proposals in CT. Even as the latest proposals we have seen have varying language around non-mandated consolidation and shared services recommendations these proposal strategies from our view will have a very disruptive and negative impact to our schooling system and specifically to the Weston School system itself.

Our personal experience is worth noting and reason for this communication to this committee. My wife Christine and I recently moved to Weston with the primary goal of giving a great education to our son. We had many options to go anywhere in the area and we chose Weston because of the school system it represents as well as the community. Because of our focus on quality education and what we think is right for our family as well as our community we oppose these recent consolidation and school recommendations as we see it as detrimental and undermining to our schools' values and approaches to providing the quality education we expect from a town like Weston.

We are also concerned about how these new proposals may de-incentivize a school like Weston from not participating in a shared service or consolidation which may put our school system at a disadvantage. What we are in favor of is any proposal that would encourage local enhancements, approaches or opportunities that will drive further improvement upon our quality education system in Weston.

We cannot emphasize enough how our family has been extremely disappointed of even the thought of these proposals bills and the negative impact we see from this and how it may affect our family, community and school system in Weston.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Regards,

Lance and Christine Paglierani

