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Re: Forced Regionalization of Connecticut School Districts

Dear Connecticut Lawmakers,

I write to express my opposition to forced regionalization of school districts.

As a mother of children in the New Canaan Public Schools, I have experienced first-hand the importance and value of local control of our schools. Forcing districts to regionalize would diminish my voice and the voices of others in my community concerning educational decisions that directly impact my children. A forced regionalization policy would create artificial distance between my children and those best placed to address their educational needs, which in turn would certainly lead to reduced education outcomes for them.

Applying a “one-size-fits-all” approach to Connecticut education by mandating forced regionalization would be detrimental to our children, our schools, and our state.

Accordingly, I oppose forced regionalization of school districts.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Palmer
Town of New Canaan