

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senator Looney and Senator Duffs proposed bills: PSB 738, PSB 457 and PSB 874 which would force regionalization of Connecticut public schools. Regionalization has proven in history to cause lower student achievement, disengaged teachers and a one size fit all education plan. This is DEFINITELY NOT what we want for New Canaan, CT.

Five years ago, we considered buying lovely homes in Greenwich and Westchester that would offer a much easier daily commute to NYC. However, we choose to buy a home in New Canaan and settle our family in this community after doing our homework about the quality of education these particular schools could offer our three children. What the New Canaan school system has in place is unique and their success should be viewed as a useful blueprint for other school systems! It would be absolutely foolish to alter this in any way.

Currently, our daughter receives special services for a learning disability at West and our oldest son has thrived in the Challenge program at Saxe- so we've experienced the full range of services that are offered in New Canaan schools. It is imperative to us that the integrity of this education is respected.

The housing market is tough and local businesses are struggling to stay afloat. Merging our schools and making them bigger would deliver a devastating blow to the very core of this town. This is not a smart strategy any way you look at it. Please do not meddle with our excellent schools.. our community's success story... and the primary reason many families choose to move here!!

Please consider that these decisions have ripple effects that are detrimental to many lives. We absolutely do NOT support SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874 or any other efforts to force consolidation of Connecticut Public Schools.

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