

To the State Legislature/Education committee,

I am writing in opposition to S.B. 874.

I was dismayed when I saw in the paper the attempt to regionalize Connecticut's school systems. Does the state legislature not know that our educational system is in many cases the last thing keeping the discontented masses from leaving this state? Local control in this area is what makes our public schools better than other states.

Later I was horrified when it was brought to my attention that S.B. 874 has two amendments that target homeschooling families. These families do not need any extra burdens placed on them. As it is they pay taxes and yet do not have the ability to take advantage of the sports or other extras offered to the children in their local school system. They have to pay even more out of pocket for sports programs and other important things for the children, like instrument lessons and social clubs. Why are we going to further burden them with yearly registration to a school system that offers them literally nothing in return? And then for the school system to give a model curriculum to follow? If these families thought the local school system had the right curriculum for their children they would be enrolled in that system.

Local control and parental rights are being targeted. My question is why? Scrap this disaster of a Bill and all others like it and get busy solving Connecticut's biggest problems. Your constituents know what those problems are. Do you?

Sincerely,

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