

February 28, 2019

Dear Sirs:

As a parent of public school students, **I strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.**

Specifically,

- We moved here for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us here
- None of these bills include even one mention of school quality
- The bill erodes the quality and the character of our local schools, which erodes the quality of our town
- I have strong concern about the potential impact of larger school sizes, decreasing administrator and community engagement, etc.
- I have direct evidence that this is already preventing people from coming to CT, or is driving decisions of people to leave CT. We have friends who will no longer retire in CT because of the eroding quality of life and the continued loss of commerce/business. You are LOSING tax paying constituents who could help CT's economy in EVERYWAY. You are DRIVING people out of our state to live in other states and our ECONOMY will suffer in the long run!
- Businesses will choose to move to other states because smart, talented professionals will not move to our communities if they are not assured good high quality education for their growing families. Again, our state will suffer!

I hope you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Sincerely,

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