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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to convey my opposition to the proposals to regionalize school districts within Fairfield County, CT. As a parent of two students in the New Canaan Public Schools, I highly value the importance of local control of our schools. Forcing districts to regionalize would result in a dilution of administrators who know the on the ground issues in their district, parents' voices in the educational decisions of their children, and student voices in the character of their schools, all of which would invariably lead to poorer outcomes for our children.

Mandating forced regionalization would be detrimental to our children, our schools, and our state. Property values in towns like New Canaan would suffer, many families would leave New Canaan, and new families will choose not locate here, harming our town significantly.

Thank you for your consideration, Liz Unger