

February 26, 2019

To the Members of the Education Committee,

I am writing in opposition to proposed bills SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874.

My husband and I moved to Connecticut, and specifically, Darien, for the quality of its public schools for our three children. The schools are what keep so many of us here despite rising property taxes, state finance woes, and long commutes into Manhattan.

I have not encountered a single family who is in favor of the proposed regionalization. I have not seen or heard a valid argument as to why this change will be better for the education of Connecticut students. It entails larger class sizes, longer commutes, fewer resources; no student benefits from any of these changes. Sadly, I know that my family and many others would have to strongly consider whether we can remain in Connecticut if these bills pass.

Sincerely,

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