

To Whom It May Concern:

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.

Local school should be managed by local community. Central management of a large school district is a proven receipt for failing schools.

State has no right to force regionalization of local schools. Decision of regionalization shall be made by local residents. State shall provide incentive. Legislative body should cut back well-intended but mis-guided state mandates (often unfunded).

The proposed education budget punishes well-managed efficient small towns to compensate for inefficiency and bureaucracy of big cities.

None of these bills include even one mention of school quality.

These bills will erode the quality and the character of our local schools, which will erode the quality of our town, and will destroy Connecticut's economy.

Even talking of these bills is already preventing people from coming to CT, or driving people to leave CT.

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.

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