

February 28, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

As a parent of CT 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.

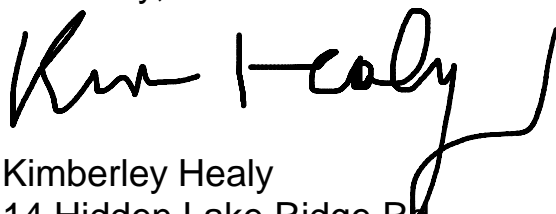
All of these bills will erode the quality and the character of our local schools, which will in turn erode the quality of our town.

There is strong evidence that this is already preventing people from coming to CT, or is driving decisions of people to leave CT.

I am also against mandating ANY municipalities to pay for any part of the teacher pension contributions because it will create gaps in the municipal budgets and ultimately result in a further increase in property taxes and devaluation of our homes.

Secondly, local school districts negotiate teachers' salaries, but they do not negotiate the terms of their pensions as this is something that is done by the State. To ask ANY municipalities to pay for pension in which we have no control or say is akin to taxation without representation and therefore is grossly unfair to all residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Healy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

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