Forced regionalization is a bad idea for many reasons. The most important of which is that all of the decisions involved in any regionalization of schools should be made at the level of the towns and their constituents. The educational needs and demographics of each CT town is unique and is best understood by the parents and local boards and committees which they have chosen as custodians of their children's education.

There is a role for state government in the management of our CT towns but this is clearly not one of them. Thus, Bill 457 and Bill 738 should be roundly defeated.

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