**How to send testimony to the Education Committee:**

*IMPORTANT: testimony must be received by* ***3:30 PM on Thursday, February 28***

*IMPORTANT: Include your testimony as an* ***attached PDF or Word Document****. This is necessary so that it is included in the public record for all 3 bills*

**To:** edtestimony@cga.ct.gov

**Subject:** Opposition to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

*IMPORTANT:* ***Make sure you reference ALL THREE regionalization bills in the Subject****. This will ensure that this is added to the public record for EACH bill*

**Body of Email:**

* Clearly state your opposition, and restate all 3 bill numbers at the start of your email, eg:
  + 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.
* Include your reasons for opposition and let them hear your personal perspective, examples could include:
  + We moved here for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us here
  + If you have researched, provide evidence indicating that this will not ultimately save money given the costs of combining resources, or any other impact you’ve found
  + None of these bills include even one mention of school quality
  + Erodes the quality and the character of our local schools, which erodes the quality of our town
  + Concern about potential impact of larger school sizes, decreasing administrator and community engagement, etc.
  + Evidence that this is already preventing people from coming to CT, or is driving decisions of people to leave CT
  + NOTE: declining property values is NOT likely to be something legislators care about, but the CT economy is
* Include your name and your town
* Close with a specific ask, eg:
  + 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.

**Please share this with friends, neighbors, and anyone you know across Connecticut.**