

February 28, 2019

Dear Education Committee,

As a parent of Wilton 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.

As many young families in Fairfield County we chose our home in Wilton, CT for the schools and the current school quality is what keeps us here. It is very concerning that none of the bills noted above include even one mention of school quality. Forcing districts to combine will have a negative impact this will have on our children and our community. These bills will erode the quality and the character of our local schools, which erodes the quality of our town.

We are very concerned about the potential impact of larger school sizes, decreasing administrator and community engagement. We are aware of several families with plans to move to Wilton or Ridgefield that have halted their home search because if our schools are threatened they will look elsewhere. Many people choose CT to raise their families based on school quality. If we are forced to regionalize our school we and many others will 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.

Thank you,
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