

Re: SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

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I'm a Wilton resident directly affected, and outraged, by the proposals to regionalize or "study" regionalization of schools. My concern has been brushed off by those that propose these offensives as "no no- not you" but they DO target the core of my town.

While these "ideas" may be worth considering in some districts- the decisions should be made at a local level BY those districts that might benefit and not forced upon them. These ideas being discussed are like vines setting root in a foundation that will crumble if they are encouraged. Failure to make hard decisions by some should never result in punishment of others that have carefully and tenaciously done the right things.

I was born and raised in Connecticut and returned here to raise my children despite the high taxes and cost of living. I returned to Connecticut specifically to escape a regional school district impersonally run like a corporation.

I love Connecticut and believe in it's diverse people, abundant natural beauty, and smart leadership can return the state to the top of the world as a technology, and manufacturing powerhouse. It makes me sad to see this bill even discussed- these discussions damage our state and its ability to lure the best business and members of society.

These proposals take something everyone in our town worked their lives for, and works every day for- and struggles for- and rips it away.

I'm fortunate that I can leave Connecticut. Many of my best friends are making plans as I type to head to friendlier states and cities where their choices and efforts are respected. And many people who had thought about coming here- will not be. Bills like these define cutting off your nose to spite your face.

Please make sure you consider the effect of your bills and your votes and oppose these bills.

Regards,

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