

February 25, 2019

Dear State Legislatures,

I have two children in the Wilton public school system, and I am writing to voice my strong opposition of the proposed bills SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874, and any other bills that open the door to forced regionalization of the Connecticut Public Schools.

We relocated to CT from MA due to my husband's job located in NYC. We searched extensively for a suburb that offered a reasonable commute for my husband, along with an excellent school system and quaint quality of life. Initially, we believed Westchester County would be the answer, but chose CT as the taxes were not as high as we found them to be there. While we have enjoyed the benefit of fantastic schools, and a wonderful close knit community, my husband has to commute to work for 2 hours each way, resulting in about 4 hours per day. While this is extremely draining for him, and the family, he is making this huge sacrifice so our children can benefit from the great schools here, and we can enjoy a small community and lovely home. We are now fearful this can all just turn to dust. If there is any possibility of school regionalization, we will have to consider moving to another community outside of CT for another shot at a great school system, and perhaps a shorter commute to NYC. We would prefer to stay here. We would love to stay here. I am positive there are numerous families in town who share the same perspective, and firmly believe any prospective families considering a move to Wilton will seriously second guess their decision. Please do not erode our most valuable asset, our town schools. They need to remain locally controlled.

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.

Sincerely,
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