

February 28, 2018

Dear Esteemed Committee:

I write to you to today to express my opposition to SB-738, SB-457 SB-874.

Regionalizing Connecticut public schools would be detrimental to our town's award winning school system. Whenever we mentioned moving to Wilton we were met with the response "the school system is wonderful". This includes people who do not and never have resided in Connecticut which is a testament to how our small town had made a familiar name for itself all because of the schools.

The Wilton Public School System which our 6 year old son is thriving in, specifically due to the impeccable quality, the phenomenal teachers and wonderful enrichment programs is our SOLE reason for relocating to back to Connecticut.

Wilton is a town known for it's charm and character which is what keeps many residents heer long after their children have grown up and graduated. This is how we see Wilton, as a lifelong investment, not just a temporary resting place until our kids are grown. Wilton is that type of town where you hope to see your children raising their children in and in a school system like the Wilton's our children are receiving quality education that will get them in to the best Universities / Colleges and drive them towards successful careers so that they can choose to live in a small town full of charm and character with an award winning school system if they wish to.

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.

Regards,

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