

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.

We moved here for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us here. None of these bills include even one mention of school quality which is like comparing apples with oranges. Regionalization erodes the quality and the character of our local schools, which erodes the quality of our town. I am concerned about potential impact of larger school sizes, decreasing administrator and community engagement, etc.

Moreover, evidence that this is already preventing people from coming to CT, or is driving decisions of people to leave CT.

While I realize declining property values is NOT likely to be something legislators care about it is an important factor that impacts the economy and I figure the CT economy is of importance to legislators. Seeing the big picture is paramount to effective decision making and concerned citizens like myself earnestly ask you to oppose school regionalization between the Wilton and Norwalk School Districts.

In sum, 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 for your time and consideration. If you can act to help our families here in Wilton, you will have our vote!

Sincerely,

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