

Dear Representative Looney and others,

My wife Kerri and I have three of our four children currently in the Wilton Public Schools (WPS). I cannot adequately express how pleased we are with the extremely high quality of education our family experiences in Wilton. The idea of forcing Wilton to unwillingly amalgamate with another school district in any form does not make any sense and we are vehemently opposed to any interference from the Connecticut Legislature. Wilton Public Schools are nationally recognized and have sustained an enviable level of quality for decades, even in these times of tight budgets, rising property taxes, and dwindling financial support from Hartford. WPS is THE REASON why we have chosen to live in Wilton and make our life here. I can tell you as a current resident looking to move locally in town, the current School Regionalization topic has put a further chill on an already depressed real estate market. These careless, poorly thought out pieces of legislation are having real effects on the ground here in Wilton. If you damage WPS or irrevocably mandate extreme changes you will ultimately destroy the fabric of Wilton, and I imagine this sentiment is shared across many, many other towns in Connecticut too.

For the record Ryan and Kerri Mims of 118 Old Kings Hwy, Wilton CT 06897 *oppose Senator Martin Looney's School Regionalization Bill SB 454 and the other School Regionalization bills being contemplated SB 457 and 874.*

Further we oppose Bill 431 that diverts motor vehicle tax revenue from municipalities to the state government. Diverting long standing sources of revenues away from Towns is not addressing the issues in Hartford.

Sincerely Yours,

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