

Date: 2/25/19

TO: Senator Martin Looney

RE: Bill numbers SB 738, 457 or 874

I am a Wilton parent who is opposed to the redistricting and/or the study that you are proposing. We chose this town because of the culture here - education is at the top of our concerns. We wanted a small, close knit community. The cost of forfeiting a salary and fun vacations to be a stay-at-home mom meant I was available for my kids, not only at home but sometimes at school. There are many like-minded parents in this community who are very dedicated to our schools and volunteer countless hours to support our teachers and help our children read. Many hours are spent in PTA meetings, on school beautification efforts, setting up fairs, carnivals, book sales, field days, walkathons, art exhibits, gardening in the outdoor learning centers, and the prep work for many holiday celebrations and/or crafts for Thanksgiving and Earth Day etc. Because of the time invested by all of us, we are an integral part of how well this school system and the students perform. As such, we feel that the decisions made for it should be made at the local level – here in our town. People in other towns do not have a vested interest in our kids and, to be honest, I do not have more time to invest in another school community, further away from my home, that does not live up to our standards. Just today in the news on Hamlet Hub:

Wilton School District Ranked Number 16 in CT School's Accountability Scorecard
Norwalk School District Ranked Number 94 in CT School's Accountability Scorecard

On May 9, 2018 – U.S. News & World Report

National Ranking

- #439 Wilton High School, Wilton – GOLD
- #2254 Brien McMahon – Silver

State Ranking

- Wilton High School Ranks 10th Best High School in CT
- Brien McMahon High School Ranks 37th Best High School in CT

Niche 2019 Rated Wilton as #6 and Brien McMahon # 58 for Best Public H.S in CT

Enough said. Please do not mix our schools. I am NOT in favor of Bill numbers SB 738, 457 or 874. I believe that my taxes should pay for my schools.

Respectfully,

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