

February 23, 2019

RE: School Regionalization

Bill #'s SB 874, SB 457, SB738

Education Committee and Members of the State Congress

My family relocated to Connecticut two years ago from New Jersey. We toured many homes in numerous towns in Connecticut. We chose this town, because we thought this would be a great community to be part of and the excellent school system this town provides is why we felt strongly this was the right place for us to raise our family. The Wilton school system is ranked as one of the top school systems in Connecticut.

Our son enrolled in Middlebrook School and is now heading to Wilton High School next fall. We have been extremely happy with this school system and my son enjoys being part of the learning community in Wilton. Our high quality school system is enthusiastically supported by members of this town.

We are extremely upset by these proposals of forced regionalization in our state schools. If anyone of these bills were to be passed our wonderful school system would no longer exist. We would be forced to be part of a large school system and if this was what we wanted we would have moved to a town that where this situation already exists.

If any of the bills were to be made permanent, this would degrade our existing schools in Wilton. There is no evidence that there would be any cost savings if you regionalized school districts. This would be a horrible disservice for the children in our town.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Pirro".

Maria Pirro

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