

To Whom It May Concern:

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 to Wilton when our first daughter was an infant, not only because it is a beautiful town filled with wonderful people but also, very importantly, because of the exemplary school system here. And that is one of the main reasons we remain here.

Why is it that none of these bills include even one mention of school quality? Does school quality not matter to you? Forced regionalization erodes the quality of our local schools, which, in turn, erodes the quality of our town.

What will be the impact of larger school sizes, decreasing administrator and community engagement? I imagine it won't be a positive one.

Additionally, I have no doubt that these bill proposals and the resulting forced regionalization is already having an impact on the state. More and more people are leaving and fewer and fewer people are moving to the state because of how poorly it has been run in recent years. Add this newest issue, and it gives those individuals and families considering Connecticut even less incentive and motivation to call this state "home". Do we really want to give them an additional reason to choose another state?

I sincerely hope you will

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Respectfully,  
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