

Re: Bills SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874.

My name is Nancy Sheppard-Pantoliano. I reside at 55 Carriage Road, Wilton, CT 06897.

I am opposed to the three school consolidation bills SB 457, SB 738 and SB 874 that are being presented. I am also opposed to any study on these bills in any form.

We moved here in 1999 strictly because of the schools. We were coming from LA and wanted our children to continue in public education. We have now been here 19 years, we have had 3 children graduate from Wilton High School.

I am also the Office Leader for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices New England Properties in Norwalk and Rowayton. I manage 70 Real Estate agents. Here are just 2 examples of how even the talk of regionalization is affecting the decisions of our buyers and sellers that I have experienced. (There have been many)

Agent A - Her buyers from Manhattan, who were to come out to view homes in Wilton, Weston and Ridgefield canceled because their decision to move to the area was based on the schools. They didn't want to even consider CT until they "figured out" what they were doing.

Agent B - Local client that had not been considering selling called and wants to know the value of their home. The reason, if the regionalization happens it is the excuse they have needed to move down south to family.

I would like my opinion to be included into the record for the public hearing scheduled for March 1st at 1:00 pm.

Sincerely,

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