

As the parents of two sons in the Wilton Public School District, we are writing to say that we strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874, along with any other bill that could lead to the possibility of the forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools. None of the above bills addresses school quality. But they will most certainly impact our local schools negatively, which in turn does so to our town as well. If the schools here were to be regionalized, that would distance the administration from the community and undoubtedly lead to a decrease in community engagement.

The existing school quality is the singular reason that we live here. We moved here from the Washington DC suburbs the year before our oldest son began Kindergarten. Our primary motivation for moving to Wilton was the high quality of public schools. With our family employment situation, we could move elsewhere and will absolutely consider doing so if regionalization becomes a reality. And we know that we are not alone in this. If regionalization is to take place, you will see many families like ours leave the state of Connecticut. Such an exodus will shrink the tax base and have a rippling, negative impact on the economy of Connecticut.

We hope that you will support us and the many other Connecticut voters like us. We ask that you oppose SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874, along with any other bill that might lead to the forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Justin and Sarah Stalls  
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