To. : Clerk of the Education Committee

From.: Nancy Budd, Wilton, CT

Date : February 27, 20219

RE. : SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

I am writing to give you some local input on the following bills:

- o SB 738 Senator Martin Looney's bill
- o SB 457 Senator Bob Duff's bill
- o SB 874 Governor Ned Lamont's bill

I am against the three bill proposals listed above that discuss "forced regionalization" of Connecticut's public schools. If passed, these bills could force school districts in our state, including Wilton, to consolidate with other districts and share administrative staff, resources and other costs. Our outstanding schools could potentially be combined with those with different educational priorities than our own. There has also been no empirical data presented to illustrate cost savings, and there is no mention of improved student outcomes. Please do NOT vote in favor of these bills.

Thank you for listening to my thoughts. From a concerned Wilton citizen, Nancy Budd Wilton CT 06897