

OPPOSE

To Whom It May Concern:

Below is my testimony on why I **OPPOSE** bills **SB 738 and SB 457**.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 738 and SB 457, the bills to force regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

My reasons are as follows:

- ❖ It will not save money.
- ❖ Larger school districts end up hiring more administrators, not fewer.
- ❖ It will eliminate local control
 - Our district attracts teachers and administrators who value small districts and personal connections as much as I do. This is true of many smaller school districts. They value the individual relationship they have with each and every child.
- ❖ It will harm school quality
 - I knew all my children's teachers, and my neighbors are on the Board of Education and they knew who my children were and what the strengths and weakness were of each of my children. Small, close knit communities, that's what makes Connecticut special.

I no longer have children in the schools, but all the current Wilton students deserve the same small town experience and education that my children were fortunate enough to experience. It is why I moved here, it is why I plan on retiring in Wilton.

Please oppose SB 738 and SB 457, the bills to regionalize Connecticut schools.

Thank you,

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