

My wife and I bought our first home, a townhouse, in Norwalk in 2007. Two years later we had our first child and three years later our second was on the way. We were out of space and needed to start looking for a new home. We wanted three things: a back yard, a reasonable commute to my office in Stamford, and most importantly *great schools*. The town of Wilton checked all of these boxes and we stretched our budget to find our first house.

We now have four children and just recently purchased a new home in Wilton that could better accommodate our growing family. We did look in surrounding towns but decided to stay put so that our older children could remain in the schools that they love and so that the younger children were exposed to the same great system in the same great community.

With the introduction of SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874 I fear that the quality of the school system and the greatness of our community could be in jeopardy.

I've read too many studies that show these plans to be ineffective and strongly oppose regionalization

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