

SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

My name is Arjun Krishna. I am a resident of Wilton, CT and a proud citizen of United States of America. I am **against** the bills SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874.

The forced regionalization of schools I believe will cause turmoil with negative consequences in an already fragile/lagging American education ecosystem.

The Wilton school district is one of the primary reasons why people (including my family) move to Wilton, CT and pay high taxes, deal with high cost-of-living, long I-95 commute, just to ensure that their kids get tailored education which makes them ready to compete in the global world economy in the future.

By diluting the school resources and adding uncertainty in parents' and school personnel's life, you are not winning any political points either. Connecticut's school population may further go down if tax paying parents start feeling that their kids will suffer in the long run. That will have further cascading effect of more companies leaving this great constitution state due to lack of talented and involved people from all walks of life.

Instead of forced regionalization, a more manageable short-term solution would be to hold cross training among districts to learn from high achieving school districts.

For long term solution, take various data points (including behavior/sentiments data points) to do research and come up with various models that work for the state and the country, so that you can secure federal funding for educational reform. Bill without underlying research work may end up being misconstrued by citizens and state dwellers alike to be a panicked response to a situation.

After the research, you may end up coming with a conclusion that under-performing school districts need to be broken up into smaller school districts; high quality faculty members with natural teaching abilities may need to be added so that they can mentor other faculty members.

I am not a politician, I am just a citizen, nothing more and nothing less. I trust you to make the right measured decision which serves to benefit all of us. You are all unique individuals who have chosen to take upon yourself to try to make a difference. Thank you!

I am **against** the bills SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 as I believe they will not make a positive impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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