

Dear Education Committee,

We are writing to strongly oppose any efforts to regionalize our schools, as is being proposed in SB 738 and 874. We moved to Wilton five years prior to having children and chose Wilton in large part for the excellent school system. With two young children now in the public schools, we highly value the personal connections that come with a small district. We fear that regionalization will forever negatively impact not only the culture of our schools, but the character of our town as well.

We know of two families who are strongly considering relocating outside of Connecticut given the threat of regionalization. SB 738 and 874 are already impacting the state's ability to retain and attract residents, and in fact, even ourselves are now considering leaving the State. My wife grew up here, and we've lived in Connecticut since 2004 and have two wonderful boys that have spent their entire lives here thus far.

With fewer people interested in staying or moving here, our economy will suffer even more.

We ask you to please oppose SB 738 and 874 and save our schools and our towns.

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