

To whom it may concern,

As a parent of children in the Wilton schools, who moved to Wilton specifically for the great reputation of the schools, I am very upset by recent bills 454/738 and SB 431 and 874. Our town's school system thrives, even while we receive very little money from the State of Connecticut. To force regionalization upon us, while concurrently increasing our local tax burden via state taxes on motor vehicles and shifting teacher pension plans onto towns, is unfair. These bills are damaging to the future of the State of Connecticut, because many people will choose not to move here or to remain here. Consolidation of schools has also been shown not to reduce costs for districts with over 1000 students. Speaking more personally, our home is our largest investment. Forced regionalization would decimate the value of our investment. Please reconsider and find a better way to close the deficit in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Nicole Wilson-Spiro