

Hello. I am writing in response bills SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874. As a Wilton resident with children that attend the Wilton Public Schools, the plan of what these aforementioned bills is proposing has been mind blowing, as you may imagine. We moved to Wilton before we had children and chose this town because of the small town feel that it provided. Like many of our towns in CT with excellent school systems, Wilton is also often chosen over others - such as Norwalk - because of the reputation of our schools. We pay higher taxes knowing that these taxes are funding our schools and the other amenities that a smaller town offers. Combining these districts will kill our home values, destroy the essence of our small town feel, potentially degrade the quality of our children's education, and it will do so without having provided any evidence that this regionalization will guarantee accomplishment of the targeted goal. Put yourselves in our shoes. If any of us wanted to live in Norwalk with the Norwalk schools, we all would've moved there instead, but we didn't. Our towns are not interchangeable, nor are our students, teachers, curriculum nor services. These bills clearly put the consideration of our children last, which is pathetic considering they are the future our towns, our state and our country.

Please oppose bills SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874 or any other legislation that encourages or suggests forced regionalization of CT public schools.

Thank you,

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