

## Opposition to SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874

As a parent of public-school students, I strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874 and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

My husband and I chose to move back to Wilton for the schools and the existing quality is what keeps us here. We both went to high school in Wilton and always imagined we would end up somewhere other than CT. But in 2010, after our daughter turned 1, we found out she had a genetic disorder that would ultimately lead to many visits through the year to the hospital. We knew moving to Wilton, in a small school district, where so many neighbors being involved in decisions which impact our community directly and where our daughter could be looked after daily, was the right move. This fact gave us peace of mind. We certainly did not move to Wilton for its amenities or culture.

We are concerned about the potential impact of larger school sizes and decreased administrator engagement. We believe our town should have control over our schools.

Our work can be done from anywhere and we are considering a move outside of CT because without our schools, there is much else keeping us here. Many of our fellow Wilton residents feel the same way.

I hope you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874 and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

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