

February 27, 2019

To whom it may concern,

We are writing this letter to express our strong opposition to the following bills: SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 and to any other bill that potentially opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools!

We are residents of Wilton, Connecticut and are parents to 3 girls in the Wilton public school system. We moved to Connecticut and specifically Wilton for the schools and what is keeping us here is the existing school quality. We still own a house in New York and with any bills being passed, we will quickly move back into that home and send our children to private schools there.

In addition to owning 2 homes in Connecticut, we own two businesses that employ a large number of employees. Although, like we said, we came to Connecticut for the small town and quality schools, we would quickly close the businesses and take those employees with us to New York.

These bills will not only push us and others out of Wilton, but they will drive us all out of the State of Connecticut. Connecticut was attractive to us for many reasons....the small town feeling, the close knit communities and the schools. We have a major concern about the potential impact of larger school sizes, decreasing numbers of administrators and community engagement.

We 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.

Thank you,

Steve and Michael Giannoutsos