

Hello. My name is Sadie Kreter. I live in Wilton, CT. I am in 6th grade at Middlebrook School. A couple of weeks ago, my teacher, Mr. Koch asked us to write down in our reading journal if we thought we could change the way adults thought. I wrote no. How could I, a tiny 6th-grade girl change the way adults thought? He read my answer and looked at me and said, "Of course, you can change the way an adult think." He then showed a video of a girl who thought her teachers were being unfair and took them up to Supreme Court. I realized if that little girl fought for justice, why can't I?

This is why I am here to talk about the regionalization (bills 454, 738, and 874) that may soon be happening here in CT and why I am against it. One of the reasons why this is not a good idea is because of the quality of my school and education. If you are going to mash one superintendent with two schools, there will not be enough time for that one superintendent to spend at two schools. I remember my superintendent, Dr. Smith, stopping to say hello and ask me about my day in the hallway and going to my brother's school and listening to him read in a small group. All these special moments make me like school better. It makes a community. How can this happen if one superintendent is in charge of so many students?

Someone may say, "We want all schools to have the same learning privileges," I agree, but why should it come to a cost to my school? Our school has a fabulous small community with dedicated teachers and administrators. I understand our state needs to save costs but why should we in Wilton suffer? There has to be another way to save money as a state. Shouldn't the kids come first?

Someone may say, "Schools will be fine," But, they won't. They will have burnt out administrators that don't even know their students, and our sense of community and identity will be lost. That is not a "fine" school. We, as a state, can do better. Wilton is great just the way it is now.

In conclusion, any of these bills (454, 738, and 874) that suggest any type of regionalization should not pass because schools will be stripped of the very things that make them great. Mr. Koch has taught me to fight for what I believe in, and I believe any form of regionalization is not right for Wilton.

From,

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