

February 26, 2019

Re: SB874
SB457
SB738

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you because I am vehemently opposed to the above referenced bills and urge you to vote no to these bills.

My family and I moved to Wilton for it's school district. I believe that the schools in my town are better served by a local Board of Education. A Board that knows the town, and their neighbors. You have no proof that I can find that there would be any cost saving by consolidating districts. In fact, you will burden them even more if the Governor's bill passes allowing for state to shift the burden of the teachers' pension fund to the districts.

Sadly, every bill discusses a forced regionalization or a coerced regionalization. Why? Is this not a democracy? Should two districts wish to regionalize and become one, so be it. Let them do the research, form their budgets and become one. Those districts can vote on that. You should not use what appears as an empirical power to tell us how the schools in our towns are to be run and who is to run them.

The idea that there is no choice, no vote or no voice or even any studies as to if it may work is even more frightening.

This is America. You were voted in to an office to represent the constituents in your district. This is NOT what we want.

Sincerely,
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