

To whom this may concern:

I am writing due to my concern for the Bills SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874.

I am a lifelong resident of Connecticut and reside in the town of Wilton. I am writing to voice my objection to the discussed change to the regionalizing of school districts in Connecticut.

I raised my daughter in the Wilton, and the main reason for my choosing to live here was the quality of education provided by the school system. It was a well-known fact that if your priority for your child was a top level public school education, you could find that in Wilton.

My daughter graduated more than ten years ago and has gone on to graduate from college and graduate school with a Doctorate in Audiology. I believe the Wilton School system prepared her to be able to succeed in a very competitive environment and bring out the best she had to offer in college. I continue to live in Wilton and do not take issue with my tax dollars going predominantly to the school system as I understand this is the reason anyone would choose to live in this town.

My understanding for the consolidation of the school systems was to create synergy between the town's and therefore being more efficient in managing the schools which would save money. I completely disagree with this premise. I see this as the shortcomings of one town being paid for by another.

I believe the quality of the education in Wilton will suffer greatly, which was the whole point of my living in this town. I have read many articles on this proposal, but I have read nothing which proves the quality of education will improve in both towns. I have also not read where a true cost savings would be achievable. This seems like nothing more than an empty political promise that I have come to expect from Hartford.

So let me be clear again, I am completely against this proposal!!

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