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Dear Members of the Education Committee:

I am writing to you to express my opposition to bills SB-874, SB-738, and SB-457. I am a sophomore at Wilton High School. There is one word that comes to mind when I think of my hometown. That word is community. The Wilton community revolves around the schools. The schools define who we are as a community. Other towns have other focal points. Norwalk has the beach, Ridgefield has a Main Street/downtown area and Westport has a town pool. In Wilton we have our schools. Our entire sense of community comes from our schools.

As a Boy Scout, I often volunteer for our local organizations—the library book sale, the post office food drive, the community garden that provides fresh produce to local food pantries. No matter where I am volunteering, there is always a connection to our schools.

Forced regionalization of our schools will destroy our community. Without community, we have nothing.

I implore you to oppose bills SB-874, SB-738 and SB-457. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ryan McElroy