

Voicing my opposition to bills: SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874

February 26, 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to let you know that I am emphatically opposed to the proposals mentioned above that seek to regionalize our school district and force the local community to lose control of its own educational destiny.

My family moved to Wilton CT five years ago, after a long search, driven PRIMARLY by our finding the school system that seemed ideal for our children.

Student outcomes are top notch. Our district, as it currently stands has, in my view, the right size and scale to balance a reasonable cost per student with a small enough setting to allow for engaged interaction by parents with teachers, principals, and even the superintendent. Regionalization can only add complexity, confusion, and an increased level of bureaucracy that is likely to actually jeopardize student outcomes. This is confirmed by a authoritative, unbiased studies.

In fact it may be worth considering that some districts are too big, unwieldy, and overburdened with administrative cost. It may be more beneficial for this state to break them up into smaller better functioning units.

I don't want to be cynical and conclude that you don't give a damn about my kids, but the facts speak for themselves. Your proposals offer no improvement in outcomes, in fact risk the good outcomes we currently have, and have no realistic possibility of improving our costs.

If any sort of forced regionalization does go through, I believe it may end up hurting the state as it may have unintended and unwanted consequences.

Can I count on your support to oppose these bills ?

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