

February 28, 2019

To Whom it may concern,

Subject : OPPOSITION to SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874

As a parent of Wilton Public School students , I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed by Senator Looney Bill **SB 738 (454)** , Senator Duff Bill **SB 457** and Governor Lamont Bill **SB 874**, the bills that propose force regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

I have been a Wilton resident since 2006. Me and my husband moved here from Norwalk before our kids were even born, because we knew, that if we ever had kids we wanted them to attend Wilton Public Schools NOT Norwalk or any other.

We have 2 kids now. One in Middle School and another in Elementary. We are happy with the decision we made. We want to maintain the high quality of education for our children that Wilton Schools give them right now.

We chose Wilton SPECIFICALLY for its schools. I personally know and I am in touch with ALL of my kids teachers, I can reach out to them anytime to discuss any issues and that is the highlight of living in small school district.

The personal connection makes a huge difference. I am involved at my kids schools as much as I can and I value this opportunity. My kids feel SAFE at our schools, feel NOTICED and ENGAGED. They attend their schools with enthusiasm.

Student and Parent engagement declines when schools are expanded and Teacher / Student ratio increases .

We work hard to be able to maintain living here in Wilton, so we can send our kids to schools that we choose for them.

I oppose SB 738 (454) , SB 457 and SB 874 and any other bills that would consider a force consolidation or any intention in changing the structure and curriculum of our Public Schools.

Sincerely,
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