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The Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

We would like to thank you for your ongoing commitment to New York State and specifically to your support of public education. You have made it clear that your intent is to keep schools open so that students can learn in person, which we agree is really the most effective structure.

We have community members who are also parents and guardians of students in Middle Country who have expressed concerns that a COVID vaccination would be mandated for children. The addition of a COVID vaccine to the New York State required vaccination schedule may cause these families to have to make difficult decisions about their children's education. It is understandable that parents/guardians may be hesitant to give a relatively new vaccine to their children. We believe that the decision to vaccinate children against COVID should remain a choice.


We, therefore, ask that you oppose any movement towards the premature implementation of a COVID vaccine mandate for school attendance.

Thank you for your continued support for our schools.

Sincerely,

Roberta Gerold Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

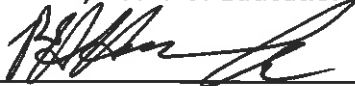
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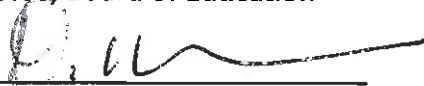
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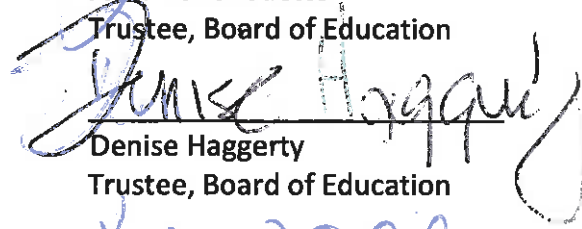
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