

# PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Plainview-Old Bethpage Community,

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District and Board of Education are steadfast in our commitment to protecting the integrity and excellence of our schools. We want to assure our community that we will not support any New York State Education Department's (NYSED) regionalization plan that compromises local control over our District's programs, employees, facilities, or finances. Specifically, we oppose any regulation, initiative, or plan that:

- reduces or limits local authority over POB School programs and operations,
- requires or mandates our District's participation in a regional plan designed for Nassau County,
- diverts funding or links State funding to compliance with a regionalization initiative or plan,
- denies the Board of Education its authority to approve or reject regional plans impacting POB Schools, and/or
- does not clearly communicate "optional" or "voluntary" participation in regionalization plans.

Your voice is crucial in ensuring that decisions affecting our District reflect the needs and priorities of our community. We strongly encourage all concerned residents to share their thoughts with the New York State Education Department (SED) by emailing **[regionalization@nysed.gov](mailto:regionalization@nysed.gov)** before **November 25, 2024**.

In addition to submitting your concerns during the NYSED's public comment period, consider reaching out to the New York State Board of Regents and State and local elected officials to express your concerns and perspectives. These efforts will amplify our collective voice and reinforce the importance of maintaining local control over our schools. Below is the contact information for these officials. [Here is a template](#) you may use to draft your letter or email.

For more information about the District's efforts thus far and on the NYSED Regionalization initiative, please refer to the District's [Regionalization](#) webpage, and NYSED's [Regionalization](#) website.

Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication to the success of the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District. Together, our advocacy efforts will ensure NYSED and government

officials are aware of the Plainview-Old Bethpage community's commitment to local control of its schools. Should you have any further questions, please email [askthesupt@pobschools.org](mailto:askthesupt@pobschools.org).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Debbie Bernstein, President of the Board of Education  
Mr. Seth Greenberg, Vice President of Board of Education  
Mr. Gary Bettan, Board of Education Member  
Mr. Jared Goerke, Board of Education Member  
Mrs. Ginger Lieberman, Board of Education Member  
Dr. Karen Reiss-Medwed, Board of Education Member  
Mrs. Tara Rock, Board of Education Member  
Dr. Mary O'Meara, Superintendent of Schools

**Contact information for New York State and local elected officials**

[NY Board of Regents](#)

[NYS Senator Jack Martins](#)

[NYS Senator Steve Rhoads](#)

[NYS Assemblymember Charles Lavine](#)

[NYS Assemblymember Steve Stern](#)

[NYS Assemblymember Jake Blumencranz](#)

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