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To: Joseph Saladino, Supervisor
Oyster Bay Town Board
Oyster Bay Department of Environmental Resources
Oyster Bay Department of Public Works

We, the Plainview-Old Bethpage Board of Education, would like to express our strong opposition to the proposed waste management expansion at the Old Bethpage Solid Waste Facility.

Our primary concern is the close proximity of the site to the Old Bethpage Elementary School (where children play outdoors throughout the day), as well as residential homes and senior citizen housing. The proposed expansion creates the potential for exhaust from idling trucks, odors, pest problems, and other issues which will put the health and comfort of our students, our staff, and our residents at risk.

This site was also once considered the third most toxic landfill in NY State, and is situated over the deep flow recharge zone of Long Island's aquifer system, where much of the region's groundwater is recharged or cleaned. Expanding waste management activities on such a fragile site invites a host of environmental problems that could plague the area for decades to come.

Furthermore, we are disheartened that our residents learned about this proposed expansion from an article in the media, rather than directly from you – their elected officials.

We implore the Town Board to hold a public forum, during convenient evening hours when residents are not at work and at a location within Plainview-Old Bethpage that residents will be able to easily get to, so the community can fully understand what is being proposed and what the impact will be.

Finally, in the interest of transparency, and to ensure that our community residents have ample time to become informed and to share their input with the Town of Oyster Bay, we respectfully ask for at least a month's extension to your public response period.

Respectfully,

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Board of Education

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