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Re: Proposed LIRR MTA Third Track Project

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Good Morning. My name is Denise DellaCorte and I serve as a School Board Trustee in the Floral Park-Bellerose School District. I am here on behalf of the 1600+ Pre-K through 6th grade students enrolled in our elementary schools, their parents, and our staff.

The BOE and Administration work tirelessly to ensure our children every opportunity to receive a solid and excellent educational foundation in a caring and safe environment. The safety of their environment is now threatened. Our school community has not been included in the planning and discussion of this proposed project and our questions and concerns remain unanswered.

We would like answers to the following questions:

- What will a student's day look like? Which streets will be closed and for how long? The rerouting of buses, cars and children walking to school will be a logistical nightmare. What will be the access for emergency vehicles and what is the evacuation plan to bring our children to safer areas?
- Air quality is a health issue. What will be the process if toxins in the soil are discovered? Toxins become airborne. Our classrooms need ventilation and our children need recess.

- Noise and vibration during construction is not conducive to a good learning environment. What will be the level of noise and what steps will the MTA and LIRR take to ensure a quality learning environment?
- Vibrations, especially with an addition of freight runs, will have a detrimental and costly impact to our one hundred year old school buildings. Who will be responsible for this potential damage long-term?
- Freight: What is the long-term plan. Will there be an increase in freight runs within close proximity to our schools, how often, and what will be transported?
- Location of Staging: Where will it be and for how long? Parking for staff and residents around the John Lewis Childs School is already at a premium.

The children in our community are our most precious concern. We feel, in light of this project, they are a distant afterthought. The Floral Park community believes in progress. We do not, however, believe in progress at any cost. The effects of this project within such close proximity to our students will have detrimental effects on their education for all future generations. I ask that you extend the public information and comment period to 90 days in order to have a more respectful dialogue and a better understanding of our concerns. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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