Mark Secaur, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools (631) 382-2006

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Dear Smithtown School Community,

This message is meant to serve as a follow up to the previous letters that have been sent regarding the New York State Education Department's (NYSED) Regionalization initiative. At last evening's Board of Education meeting, the district decided that it will not participate in NYSED's regionalization initiative.

The initiative sought to facilitate structured conversations, and eventual plans regarding the resources that will be made necessary as the state launches their Portrait of a Graduate initiative. There was consensus that this concept may be beneficial for many districts, but not essential for Smithtown due to the fact that the district is already well situated to fulfil the expectations of the Portrait of a Graduate initiative. It was deemed that participating in the initiative would not be the best usage of our collective time given our current level of preparedness and already proven ability to collaborate with other districts on projects and ideas that we feel are worthwhile.

Sincerely,

Mark Secaur, Ed. D. Superintendent

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