



PLAINEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

241 Wyngate Drive

Massapequa, NY 11758

Phone: (516) 992-7450

Fax: (516) 992-7445

www.plainedgeschools.org

December 16, 2019

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, New York 12224

BOARD OF EDUCATION

CATHERINE FLANAGAN
PRESIDENT

RAYMOND PARIS
VICE PRESIDENT

JENNIFER MAGGIO
TRUSTEE

DR. LYNNDA NADIEN
TRUSTEE

DR. JOSEPH NETTO
TRUSTEE

SONNY SPAGNUOLO
TRUSTEE

SISI TOWNSON
TRUSTEE

MAUREEN RYAN
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

ADMINISTRATION

DR. EDWARD A. SALINA, JR.
SUPERINTENDENT

DR. GUY J. LE VAILLANT
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

PETER PORRAZZO
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
FOR BUSINESS

LISA DEPAOLA
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

CATHERINE HONEYMAN
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

JOSEPH JARONCZYK
DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES III

Dear Governor Cuomo,

Currently, there is an amendment to section 2164 of the Public Health Law that has been presented in the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly. This proposed amendment would require immunization against the human papillomavirus (HPV) for students to attend public school. The Plainedge Board of Education strongly opposes this proposed amendment.

HPV is not contracted in a manner likely to occur in the appropriate and normal course of conduct in a public school setting and does not have a short incubation period similar to the other viruses/diseases for which immunizations are not currently mandated.

If this bill amendment were to pass, our students could be denied access to public education if their parents decide the risks outweigh any benefit to immunization. The Plainedge Board of Education is pro-parent choice and believes it should be the parents who ultimately decide to choose to have their child(ren) vaccinated against HPV. We also believe that this would be an unfair burden for our school district to ensure compliance and another unfunded mandate by the State of New York.

The Plainedge Board of Education strongly objects to the addition of HPV vaccination as a requirement for students in New York State to attend public schools and ask our elected officials to vote against this bill.

Respectfully,

Catherine Flanagan, President

On behalf of the Plainedge Public Schools Board of Education

Edward A. Salina, Jr.

Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Senator John Brooks, Assemblyman John Mikulin