



Huntington Union Free School District

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Superintendent of Schools

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Mr. Anthony Catapano, Interim Executive Director
Suffolk County Industrial Development Association
H. Lee Dennison Building, 3rd Floor
100 Veterans Memorial Highway, P.O. Box 6100
Hauppauge, NY 11788

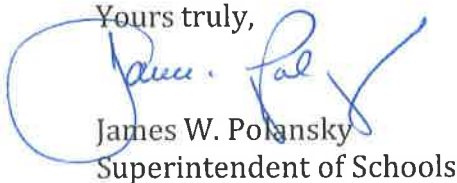
Dear Mr. Catapano:

Last week, the Huntington Union Free School District received correspondence from your office regarding the project undertaken by the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency for the benefit of the Huntington Hotel, LLC. Described in the notice is a proposed lease/sublease arrangement and assistance "in the form of exemptions from sales and uses taxes, exemptions from mortgage recording taxes, if a mortgage is required, and abatements of real property taxes consistent with the policies of the Agency."

On behalf of the Board of Education and Administration of the Huntington School District, I must voice my strong opposition to said consideration and potential action, as the school district would consequently face a significant annual loss in tax collected from the property if the project were to be approved. Given the current fiscal climate and the state imposed property tax-levy limit on municipalities, this loss in revenue would further increase the tax burden on Huntington School District residents and/or force the district to make additional cuts at a time when they can be ill afforded.

I urge you to strongly consider the interests of the Huntington School District as you evaluate this situation.

Yours truly,


James W. Polansky
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