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New York State Education Department  
89 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12234

Dear New York State Education Department:

The Jericho Board of Education recently submitted a letter expressing our deep concern and opposition to the Emergency Rule enacted by your department. After further extensive discussion involving our entire Board, Administration, and community, we unanimously passed the following resolution at our Board meeting on November 21, 2024:

*Resolution Passed 5-0: BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Education of the Jericho School District will vigorously pursue all legal remedies to the fullest extent of the law should the New York State Education Department fail to withdraw or substantively change their proposed Regionalization Plan to the satisfaction of the Jericho School District by the end of NYSED's December 9-10, 2024 session.*

This resolution underscores the seriousness of our position. The concerns raised by our community reflect a profound and collective commitment to maintaining the integrity and autonomy of our educational standards and governance.

We urge the New York State Education Department to carefully reconsider the proposed Regionalization Plan. We believe that either a complete withdrawal or a substantial overhaul of the language and intent of the rule is necessary to address the significant concerns raised by stakeholders statewide.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Jericho Board of Education  
Dr Christopher Foresto, President  
Jill Citron, Vice-President  
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