

**JERICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Deputy Commissioner Dr. Jeffrey Matteson  
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New York State Education Department  
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Dear Dr. Matteson:

At the Board of Regents Meeting on December 9 and 10, 2024, the Regents permanently adopted a new subsection 124-2.8 of Section 124 which provides a process by which school districts may elect not to participate in the development of a regionalization plan.

I am writing to inform you that the Jericho Union Free School District's Board of Education discussed the matter at its December 19, 2024 meeting and adopted a resolution electing not to participate in any such plan and directing me to convey the same to you. Based on the discussion at the Regents P-12 Committee meeting on December 9, including representations made by you and the Department's Counsel, we understand that our Board's decision exempts the District not only from participation in the planning process, but also from any obligation or initiative under any resulting regionalization plan. Such representations are also indicated in the New York State Education's Department Questions and Answers webpage regarding Regionalization. While we rely on these and other representations by the Department in determining to opt out in accordance with subsection 124-2.8, the Jericho Union Free School District nevertheless explicitly reserves all its rights and remedies should it prove necessary to preserve, among other things, the Board's authority and local control.

Sincerely,



Henry L. Grishman  
Superintendent of Schools

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c: Board of Education