



WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dr. James R. Scanlon, Superintendent of Schools

June 11, 2018

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, Second Floor
Harrisburg PA 17120

Dear Ms. Chiavetta,

I respectfully request that you uphold the Emergency Order issued by Administrative Law Judge Elizabeth Barnes. I believe the directives at the end of the order show how to best provide for the safety of residents and for the protection of their property and that it is essential that these recommendations be honored.

In a letter dated March 29, 2018 to Governor Wolf, we asked that a comprehensive independent risk assessment study be conducted regarding the construction of the Sunoco Mariner II East Pipeline. We requested that the studies include viable worst case evacuation routes, enhanced safety and safety training for first responders; and separation of pipelines from existing residences, schools, and businesses by a distance deemed safe. To date we have not received a response from the governor.

Our school district has four (4) buildings within 3000 feet of the pipeline and more than 25,000 residences living on or near the pipeline. For the past 18 months our school district administration and staff have been working with Chester County Emergency Management First Responders and have developed safety protocol in the event of a pipeline breach. Without a comprehensive risk assessment, it is difficult to measure our plan against potential risks if we don't know what they are.

I would be happy to provide more detail about the concerns the pipeline construction has caused in our community. I can be reached in the office at 484.266.1018 or on my cell at 484.883.0648.

Sincerely,

Jim Scanlon, EdD
Superintendent of Schools

cc: WCASD Board of School Directors
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WCASD Cabinet
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