



## DOWNINGTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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April 16, 2018

The Honorable Tom Wolf  
Office of the Governor  
508 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

I write to you today as the superintendent of the Downingtown Area School District in Chester County. You may remember that I had been the long time superintendent in the West York Area School District in York County until I accepted the new position in Downingtown, July 1.

Shortly after my arrival in Downingtown, I began getting complaints from our parents regarding the Mariner II East pipeline which is scheduled to be constructed approximately 500 ft from one of our middle schools. Lionville Middle School (986 students) is located in a campus-like setting, next to Downingtown East High School (1788 students), and nearby Lionville Elementary School (674 students). The pipeline is also reasonably close to two (2) other Downingtown schools.

The safety of our students is of utmost concern to our Board, Parents, and me. I ask, as part of the Integrity Management Plan, that you conduct a comprehensive independent risk assessment study regarding the construction of the new pipeline. The study should include evacuation routes, evacuation procedures, detection equipment, safety training for first responders, as well as, an analysis and recommendation for the appropriate distance of the pipeline from schools to ensure safe evacuation, if needed.

Once we fully understand the risks, we will update our school safety protocols to create the safest environment possible for our students and staff.

I respectfully ask that you act expeditiously on this request.

Sincerely,

*DOWNINGTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emilie M. Lonardi".

Emilie M. Lonardi, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

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