



North Shore Schools

Discovering Your Dreams

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Dear North Shore Families, Faculty, and Staff,

I hope that you are doing well.

As you have likely heard, there have been ongoing discussions about new utility developments within the North Shore community for several months.

Some of these potential projects were initiated by private development companies and some involve a partnership between private development and New York State.

Understandably, given everything we have gone through with utilities for generations in North Shore, there are many questions and concerns about these projects.

One project involves the development of a Lithium Battery Storage System (Oyster Shore Energy Storage) at the site of the Global Oil facility at the corner of Glenwood Road and Shore Road by the company Jupiter Energy. There are many concerns about safety, the ability to put out lithium battery fires, and the impact on residents because of this project and its proximity to homes. Local civic organizations have held forums on this issue in the fall and continue to advocate for the safety of the community.

- Please note that the permits for this project are currently on hold through a moratorium established by the Town of Oyster Bay. In addition, the Town of North Hempstead (which covers the area of Shore Road south of Glenwood Road) has also established a moratorium. Information on the moratorium from both the Town of North Hempstead can be found [HERE](#) and from the Town of Oyster Bay can be found [HERE](#).
- These town governments have taken this responsible step to slow down this process and ensure that key questions are answered. As the governing bodies that approve these projects and set zoning requirements, the Towns, along with the Nassau County Planning Commission, will continue to deliberate about these projects.
- Depending on the status of the moratorium, the District will communicate its questions and concerns to the Town governments.

A second and more extensive electric transmission project, Propel, would involve the construction of underground electric transmission lines throughout the North Shore community and Nassau County. Please click [HERE](#) for a map of the project.

This project has raised many concerns and questions about the impact on the District's transportation, the safety of students walking to school, concerns about potential impacts on general health and safety, traffic issues, and the potential for interruptions to power and heat in our school buildings.

- The Propel project is governed by New York State and specifically the Public Service Commission (PSC). The project is currently being reviewed for a permit (a process known as the Article VII process).
- To have a seat at the table for the discussion about this project, the North Shore CSD has secured special counsel and has gained, “party status.” This will allow us to voice concerns about the project, ask questions, and submit testimony, and otherwise participate in these permit hearings for the project.
- Propel NY Energy will be holding community presentations, and that information can be found [HERE](#). While the information presented at these events is from the perspective of the companies who are constructing this project, it is an opportunity to answer questions and voice concerns.

As the North Shore CSD receives any updates or becomes involved in hearings regarding these developments, we will certainly update our school community.

We remain deeply committed to our students' and community's health and safety.

Sincerely,

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