

## **Statement from the Wantagh Board of Education**

August 19, 2022

The Wantagh Board of Education and School District are aware that a former candidate for the Board of Education has filed a Commissioner of Education Appeal against the District alleging, among other things, “gross negligence and dereliction of duties” in overseeing the district’s management and orchestration of the May 17, 2022, election, and has asked for the removal of Board trustee Anthony Greco. The District and Board categorically deny these allegations in their entirety.

The election was conducted in conformity with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. Residents within the Wantagh School District made their voices heard on May 17<sup>th</sup> when they overwhelmingly supported our proposed budget and elected trustees Jennifer Perfetti and Laura Reich to serve three-year terms. Accordingly, the District and Board are committed to ensuring that the will of the voters is not undermined by this action and is prepared to take all steps necessary to see that the election is ultimately upheld by the Commissioner of Education.

Unfortunately, district time and resources will continue to be diverted from our school community to address this issue.