Chenango Valley Central School District

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Mr. Frank Evangelisti, Planning Division Director Ms. Lora Zier, Planning Division Senior Planner Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building 60 Hawley Street, 5th Floor PO Box 1766 Binghamton, NY 13902

Dear Mr. Evangelisti and Ms. Zier:

It is with grave concerns that I write you regarding the proposal from Fenton Trucking Terminal for the West Service Road in Chenango Bridge. As the Superintendent of Schools for Chenango Valley Central School District, the safety and security of our students and staff are a priority. If I understand the proposal correctly, Fenton Trucking Terminal will begin operations on the West Service Road in close proximity to our Port Dickinson Elementary School. Aside for the concern of hauling propane, a serious substance, I am also concerned with the increased traffic flow on a direct route within our district. My understanding is that during a given day throughout the school year there may be an increase in traffic of up to 50 trucks a day; 100 during the summer months. It currently can be challenging with truck traffic flow – for both our school buses and local traffic. Increased truck traffic will only exacerbate traffic issues.

Please do not take this letter as opposition to new businesses. New business creation is important to New York, to the Town of Chenango and to the Chenango Valley Central School District. I do ask that land use approvals only be given where major impacts are mitigated, to minimize negative effects. As such, I would encourage a serious review of the traffic flows, health impacts and safety issues of the proposed business on the community, the school and the public generally.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

David P. Gill
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Mr. David Hamlin, Town of Fenton Supervisor

Mr. John Eldred, Town of Fenton Planning Board Chairperson

Mr. Dale Gregory, Town of Fenton Zoning Board Chairperson

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