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Hon. Laura Gillen
US House of Representatives
4th Congressional District Office
229 7th Street, Suite 102
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Dear Congresswoman Gillen,

I am writing to express my strong support for the federal funding request submitted by the Valley Stream Central High School District, aimed at addressing the urgent issue of shoreline erosion along Valley Stream Creek at Valley Stream South High School. This investment is essential for preserving the structural integrity of the campus and ensuring a secure environment for students, faculty, and visitors alike.

The erosion, which jeopardizes critical areas such as the track, football field, parking lot, and a brick storage facility, presents a significant risk of long-term damage. The district has observed that with each substantial storm event, the shoreline continues to deteriorate, thereby increasing the likelihood of expensive infrastructure failure and disruption to the educational environment.

In order to mitigate these risks, the district requests approximately \$3.3 million to stabilize the shoreline and implement preventative measures. These funds would facilitate a comprehensive solution that not only addresses existing damage but also safeguards the school grounds against future erosion events. Without intervention, the ongoing degradation could threaten both safety and the regular operations of the institution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michaelle Solages".

Honorable Michaelle C. Solages
New York State Assembly Member
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May 20, 2025

Congresswoman Laura Gillen
428 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congresswoman Gillen:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Valley Stream Central High School District's request for funding to stabilize the eroding shoreline at Valley Stream South High School.

The creek behind South High School causes the shoreline to erode, a problem made worse after each major storm. If the erosion continues, it could pose a serious threat to the campus' grounds and facilities.

The school district developed a plan costing nearly \$3.3 million to stabilize the shoreline and prevent further erosion. The district cannot take on the project alone, they need funding assistance. Addressing this problem now will prevent the district from facing a crisis and requiring costlier solutions in the future.

The Valley Stream community takes great pride in its schools and the programs they provide. Allowing continued erosion puts the future of these schools at risk. I'm committed to supporting this effort and standing with the Valley Stream Central High School District as they work to safeguard the integrity of their schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia M. Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick'.

Patricia M. Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick
State Senator, District 9

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May 6, 2025

Congresswoman Laura Gillen
428 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Gillen:

I'm writing on behalf of the Board of Education for the Valley Stream Central High School District in support of the request for funding to address a critical infrastructure concern at Valley Stream South High School.

We would like to bring an urgent facilities-related concern to your attention and to request your assistance in securing funding for necessary repairs and preventative measures. The issue pertains to stream bank erosion along Valley Stream Creek at Valley Stream South High School, which poses significant risk to the safety and structural integrity of the school grounds.

During the reconstruction of the storage facility at South High School, our district identified the need for an investigation into shoreline erosion along the creek. Upon review, it has been determined that the current conditions present a heightened risk of erosion with every storm event. This erosion threatens several key areas of the school campus, including the track, football field, north-side parking lot, and the brick storage building.

As the shoreline continues to erode, there is a growing concern that these areas may become structurally compromised, potentially leading to substantial damage and unsafe conditions for students, staff, and visitors. Based on expert evaluations, we anticipate that addressing this issue will require an investment of at least \$3.3 million to stabilize the shoreline and mitigate further erosion.

We are requesting your assistance and support in securing funding to help cover the cost of these critical repairs. The damage caused by the erosion could disrupt not only the physical infrastructure of our school but also the educational environment for our students, and we are hopeful that with your support, we can prevent further harm.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We would greatly appreciate your advocacy in securing the necessary funds to address this urgent issue.

Should you require further details or a meeting to discuss this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Maier', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Maier
School Board President