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Five Legislators File Legislation Killing School Zone Speed Camera Installation

Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory, Legislator Sarah Anker, Legislator William Lindsay III, Legislator William Spencer and Legislator Al Krupski filed legislation Monday that would terminate the county's move to install school speed zone cameras.

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, following the Legislature's lead, announced Monday afternoon that he would terminate the program. That makes action on the legislators' bill unnecessary.

"We have taken a very methodical approach on the possible installation of these cameras and the more we saw the problems Nassau County has had with its school speed zone cameras it became obvious we were not going to install the cameras in Suffolk County," said PO Gregory. "It is unclear if the safety improvements for our children would occur if we installed the cameras and without clear evidence that they would improve safety we are not going to proceed. The idea was always about safety, not revenue."

"I agree with the Presiding Officer and the County Executive on how to proceed with addressing safety in regard to speed in school zones," said Legislator Krupski.

"It is our responsibility as lawmakers to identify and anticipate problems throughout our region," said Legislator Lindsay III. "It's very clear to all of us that the implementation of school speed zone cameras did not work in our neighboring County and I feel that moving forward with a project that we have already seen fail would be extremely punitive to our residents. I look forward to collaborating with my fellow legislators to formulate a plan that does not penalize our residents but rather enhances public safety."

"The safety of our children in school zones is a priority for Suffolk County and public trust in any new safety program is also a priority, and unless that is achieved, it is wise for Suffolk County to seek alternative methods that have proven to be effective in calming traffic and protecting our youth," stated Legislator Spencer.