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4th Grade Leaders Make Their Voices Heard

"We Want a Traffic Signal at the Corner of Whitson and Park!"

Hauppauge, NY- More than sixty 4th grade students from the Leadership Team at Washington Primary School in the Huntington School District attended today's General Meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature to advocate for change in their community! For months, these students have worked tirelessly alongside their teachers and high school student mentors to garner support for a traffic signal to be installed at the intersection of Whitson Road and Park Avenue in Huntington Station.

"I am so pleased to see these students take on a leadership role and participate in the public process. As citizens it is important that we have our voices heard when we become aware of issues that need to be addressed. Together we will work with our Department of Public Works to determine the best course of action for this intersection. I look forward to a positive outcome." said Legislator William Spencer (D-Centerport).

During their trip to the Legislature, 12 daring students had the opportunity to testify before all 18 Legislators at the public portion of the meeting, and the group presented a petition with more than 300 signatures from area residents. Legislators Spencer, Stern, and D'Amato, as well as Legislative Counsel, George Nolan, Budget Review Director, Dr. Robert Lipp, and Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, Gil Anderson gave them an overview of the Legislative process and commended them for their efforts.

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