

Springfield Charter Township Supervisor and Board of Trustees  
Springfield Charter Township  
12000 Davisburg Road  
Davisburg, MI 48350

Dear Supervisor Davis and Honorable Members of the Springfield  
Township Board,

On behalf of Holly Area Schools, I am writing to respectfully request your careful consideration of student health and safety as you evaluate the proposed gravel mining operation within Springfield Township.

As you are aware, Davisburg Elementary School, one of our district's elementary campuses, is located in proximity to the proposed site. Each day, school buses travel the roads surrounding the site as part of our morning and afternoon transportation routes, carrying students to and from school across the district. The safety of these travel routes is of paramount importance to us.

We respectfully request that the Township implement appropriate regulations and safeguards to ensure the continued safe operation of school bus routes near the proposed site and throughout the surrounding roadways. Specific measures—such as regulating haul route access during student travel times or coordinating with our transportation department—would go a long way in maintaining safe, uninterrupted school operations.

In addition to traffic-related concerns, we are also aware of the potential environmental risks associated with gravel mining, particularly related to airborne silica dust. We request that Springfield Township adopt clear regulatory measures that will mitigate and monitor dust emissions from the site, ensuring they do not disrupt or endanger the learning environment at Davisburg Elementary. Protecting the air quality and health of our students, staff, and school community is essential.

While we understand that the approval and oversight of mining

operations primarily falls under state jurisdiction, we also believe the Township has an important role to play in safeguarding local infrastructure and public health—particularly as it relates to our youngest community members.

We appreciate your attention to these concerns and your partnership in helping to maintain safe and supportive conditions for all children in our community. Please feel free to reach out should you wish to coordinate with our district transportation and operation teams.

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and dedication to our shared community.

Sincerely,  
Scott M. Roper, Superintendent  
Holly Area Schools Board of Education