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Dear School Leaders:

It has come to our attention that local school officials in the North Country have been contacted with regards to our proposed landfill development on the outskirts of Dalton. It is clear that the goal of that outreach is to stoke fear in you as school leaders who are charged with keeping our children safe everyday while they are at school. No small task in today's world.

I am writing to you in an effort to try and clear up some of the rumors and misinformation being spread and open the door to what experts involved in the Dalton project have to say.

We want to make sure it is clear to you that safety has always been and will continue to be Casella's most important priority. Transportation is one of the most highly regulated parts of our industry, and our drivers are highly trained, highly skilled, and committed to safety, regardless of the route traveled or potential surroundings.

Below I have outlined a few points that are commonly misunderstood about our Dalton project, but I absolutely welcome further questions if they are unanswered below.

- The proposed landfill operation is expected to average about 102 truck trips per day, **of which less than half will be larger vehicles such as tractor-trailers** hauling waste from transfer stations. The rest will consist of local haulers, local residents and contractors, and anyone else who may cross the scales at the landfill.
- The traffic lanes for trucks associated with our proposed project are being carefully studied to be certain they meet all Federal and NH Highway Standards for safety. The proposed truck traffic will be **less than 0.05% of the overall traffic volume**.
- The landfill is expected to operate from about 6 am to 5 pm during weekdays and some occasional Saturdays. Traffic will be intentionally spread out throughout the day to aid in quick, efficient unloading operations, and **avoid heavier traffic times along the route**.
- We have enlisted a **third-party traffic engineer to evaluate and answer concerns** and questions from the NHDOT and other stakeholders, to be certain all highway safety design criteria are considered.

In closing, I would like to invite you to come and visit our NCES landfill in Bethlehem. We believe that visiting the landfill is a great way for you to see what goes in to running a modern landfill facility, and to help you understand the important role that these facilities play in our public health and environmental infrastructure.

Sincerely,
CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.

Brian Oliver
Region Vice President