



**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
HINSDALE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 86**

**#20.02**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING STERIGENICS U.S. LLC, WILLOWBROOK, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Hinsdale Township High School District No. 86, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois ("Board") is familiar with recent reports, actions and statements by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the DuPage County Board, the Cook County Board, the municipal authorities of Willowbrook, Hinsdale, Darien, Burr Ridge, Willow Springs and Western Springs, and the area public schools, among others, concerning the Sterigenics U.S., LLC ("Sterigenics") facilities located at 7775 South Quincy Street and 830 Midway Street, in Willowbrook, Illinois, and their discharge or emissions of ethylene oxide; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple agencies, including, but not limited to, the municipal authorities of Willowbrook, Hinsdale, Darien, Burr Ridge, Willow Springs and Western Springs, have called on or taken action to encourage Sterigenics to cease or limit operations, citing new research from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency indicating that ethylene oxide is far more dangerous to the public than previously known, until further health and environmental studies on the safety of the air near the facilities can be completed; and

**WHEREAS**, ethylene oxide is designated as a carcinogen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and its discharge or emission into the atmosphere constitutes a threat to public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety and health of District employees, students and parents are of the utmost concern to the Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of Hinsdale Township High School District No. 86, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois as follows:

**Section 1:** The Board expresses its support for the efforts of the municipal authorities of Willowbrook, Hinsdale, Darien, Burr Ridge, Willow Springs, Western Springs and the area public schools in stopping or limiting the resumption of operations at the Sterigenics facilities in Willowbrook until further health and environmental studies on the safety of the air near the facilities can be conducted to demonstrate that the facilities are not a harm to public health and safety.

**Section 2:** If operations at the Sterigenics facilities resume, the Board supports full, complete, specific and ongoing testing within the facilities, as well as ambient air testing in all areas around the facilities, to monitor ethylene oxide levels and the effectiveness of all capture and control measures, and the Board further supports requirements that the facilities be shut down if any of the required safety improvements (including, but not limited to, negative pressure requirements and all capture and control measures) should fail.

**Section 3:** Should operations at the Sterigenics facilities resume without proper safety measures in place to protect the public from ethylene oxide, the Board shall consider additional measures, in cooperation with the municipal authorities of Willowbrook, Hinsdale, Darien, Burr Ridge, Willow Springs and Western Springs.

**Section 4:** The administration shall remain informed concerning the status of the Sterigenics facilities and shall keep the Board informed of developments related to the opening of the Sterigenics facilities.

**Section 5:** The Superintendent, or her designee, is hereby directed to contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and such other governmental agencies and bodies the Superintendent deems appropriate to determine what efforts have been made or will be made by such agencies and bodies in disseminating information related to the Sterigenics facilities to individuals possibly impacted by the discharge or emission of ethylene oxide from the Sterigenics facilities and to offer the District's cooperation and assistance in such efforts.

**Section 6:** The Superintendent, or her designee, is hereby directed to update the District website so that it contains information about governmental efforts to investigate and limit the discharge or emission of ethylene oxide from the Sterigenics facilities and to list on the website the contacts to the relevant public bodies and agencies, as determined by the Superintendent, regarding the discharge or emission of ethylene oxide from the Sterigenics facilities.

**Section 7:** The Superintendent, or her designee, is hereby authorized to utilize whatever District means of communication she, or her designee, deem appropriate to inform the District 86 community of developments related to the Sterigenics facilities.

**Section 8:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

**ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019