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## **\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\***

# **Great Neck Sewer District Gives North Shore Hebrew Academy Students Tour of Its Facility**

*High School Juniors Saw Ins and Outs of Wastewater Treatment*

**Great Neck, N.Y. (April 10, 2023)**— The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) recently hosted North Shore Hebrew Academy High School juniors at its plant for a firsthand tour of everything that goes into treating the Great Neck Peninsula’s wastewater. GNWPCD Superintendent Christopher Murphy, Commissioners Patty Katz and Steve Reiter and Plant Supervisor John Keating led two groups of students throughout the many sections of the facility, all of which play a crucial role in the District’s day-to-day operations.

“We are very excited to have brought these students into our facility and show them everything we do to serve our residents,” said GNWPCD Chairman Jerry Landsberg. “Our community’s young people hold the keys to environmental conservation for generations to come, and it is important that we help to foster awareness within them. We hope these students came away from their tour with the knowledge of how crucial wastewater treatment is to our environment and a spark of passion for protecting it.”

The GNWPCD treats more than three million gallons of wastewater every day and the juniors were able to get an up-close look at the entire process. This included a view of when the water is received at the Headworks Building, when organic material is consumed and nitrogen levels are reduced at the oxidation ditch, where wastewater is disinfected with ultraviolet ray treatment and much more. The reuse of effluent water throughout the plant was also discussed during the tour, highlighting the District’s ability to reuse treated water for plant maintenance instead of unnecessarily using drinking water. The tour was a unique opportunity for these students, who will take the information given to them throughout the tour and incorporate it into their lessons on the environmental sciences.

### **About the GNWPCD**

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) is a special commissioner-run district within the Town of North Hempstead. The GNWPCD has provided sewage services for the Great Neck area since 1914, and currently serves more than 25,000 residents and businesses in the villages of Great Neck, Saddle Rock, Kensington, and those parts of Thomaston and Great Neck Plaza east of Middle Neck Road; as well as all unincorporated areas north of the Long



Island Railroad and a part of Manhasset. The GNWPCD's mission is to protect human health, our bays and the environment.



Photo 1 Caption: Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Plant Supervisor John Keating, far left, Commissioner Steve Reiter, Superintendent Christopher Murphy and Commissioner Patty Katz guided North Shore Hebrew Academy High School juniors throughout the plant tour.



Photo 2 Caption: The GNWPCD's oxidation ditch, where organic compounds in wastewater are consumed, was the third stop made by Superintendent Christopher Murphy along the tour.