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Mr. Alan J. Weiss President Marine Helicopter Squadron 361 Veterans' Association, Inc. P.O. Box 429 Cutchogue, New York 11935

Dear Mr. Weiss:

Eastern Suffolk BOCES applauds your efforts to bring the long tradition of young men and women serving our country and communities into Long Island's schools. The idea of restoring a U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam era helicopter and creating a traveling museum is unique and will provide wonderful educational opportunities for Long Island's youth. Your project will bring to the classroom a visual picture that will complement the teacher's lessons about the sacrifices that service men and women and community volunteers have made to protect our nation and our freedom. We thank you for bringing history lessons to life for our school children.

Best wishes for a successful completion of the project. If we can be of any assistance, please contact me at 631-687-3003.

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