

# Student action leads to traffic signs in Elmont

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A group of Sewanhaka High School students put a class lesson into action Tuesday.

And, as a result, the Town of Hempstead will install a stop sign at a busy intersection in [Elmont](#) along with, nearby, a "Child At Play" sign.

Seventeen seniors appeared before the town board Tuesday to argue for the signs at Carnegie Avenue and Chelsea Street - a four-way intersection where students said turns can be difficult. The seven-member board adopted the resolution unanimously. The Child At Play sign didn't require a vote but will also be installed by the town's Traffic Department.

The students' appearance came in response to a lesson taught in a government class by town Councilman Ed Ambrosino, whose district includes Sewanhaka. Ambrosino started the SAIL program - Students Active in Law - four years ago and visits government and economics classes in the Elmont district twice a month.

His lessons focus on how something becomes law and whether a particular issue is the responsibility of the town or county government. The students then survey areas in their community and come back with ideas such as speed limit changes and traffic signals.

Student Karina Miranda, 17, was the class speaker at the hearing, explaining to the board that the stop sign would make the area safer. Warren Wint, 18, had gone around the neighborhood with a petition and got 10 signatures from residents who would be "most affected."