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City of La Crosse City Plan Commission 400 La Crosse Street La Crosse, WI 54601

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

On behalf of the School District of La Crosse, I would like to apply for a variance for setbacks and the vision clearance triangle at the corner of Johnson and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. In addition, we need a variance for the off street parking requirement of 1 space for every 2 employees. Currently, the School District of La Crosse does not meet this requirement, however, with this project we do increase the number of parking spaces that we currently have. We plan a 17,200 sq. ft addition to Hamilton Elementary School. The addition will house a community space, library media center and a gymnasium. The project is a partnership with Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center, The La Crosse Boys' and Girls' Club, and the City of La Crosse. Hamilton Elementary has the highest free and reduced rates in our district. This project is an investment in our children and the Powell-Poage-Hamilton Neighborhood.

Hamilton Elementary is located on 2.03 acres, making it the smallest school parcel in the district. The setbacks are necessary to build the needed facilities. Given the purpose of this building and the community partnerships, we believe the setbacks are appropriate for this neighborhood.

Attached is a full site plan of the requested variance location. Thank you for your consideration of the variances.

Sincerely,

Joe Ledvina