



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LA CROSSE

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May 13, 2026

Nikki Elsen
City Clerk
City Hall 2nd Floor
400 La Crosse St.
La Crosse, WI 54601

Re: Appeal of decision to designate Emerson Elementary School a historic structure

Dear Nikki Elsen:

On April 23, 2026, the Common Council of the City of La Crosse, through the action of the Heritage Preservation Commission, designated the Emerson Elementary, located at 2001/2101 Campbell Rd. a historic structure (enclosed). Per City of La Crosse Municipal Code, Section 20.58, the School District of La Crosse wishes to appeal this decision through the filing of this petition on the grounds that the process and timeline used for designation as a historic structure is flawed and unfair to property owners, and as a result, threatens the economic strength of the City.

Please notify the undersigned, at 2405 Travis Street, La Crosse, WI, 54601, aengel@lacrossesd.org, 608-789-7628, of the time and place of the committee and common council meetings where this appeal will be adjudicated. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron Engel".

Aaron J. J. Engel
Superintendent

Enclosed:
Notice of Designation of Historic Structure

cc: Mayor Shaundel Spivey-Washington
Tim Acklin, Planning Administrator