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Dear Ms. Kiel,

My name is Kathryn Skemp Moran and I live at 1927 Cass St, La Crosse, WI 54601. I am writing to request that you vote down the designation of Lincoln Middle School as a historic building at the Common Council meeting this evening and support the School District of La Crosse's appeal. While Lincoln is an old building, it has already received many modern renovations making the interior of the older portion already hardly historically accurate. I am greatly concerned that designating this site historic will impede the School District of La Crosse's ability to sell and optimize this site for the neighborhood community. With the great restrictions that come with such a deal, it will become extremely difficult to sell meanwhile impeding the neighborhood's viability. By voting in support of the appeal, you will invite the growth, housing and community usage that the neighborhood desires.

Just because an application was filed correctly does not mean that it should be passed through and I ask that the council apply thoughtful judgement as it proceeds. In addition to the neighborhood, this designation will have a HUGE impact on the students of the School District of La Crosse. This designation could also set the tone for future School District sites going forward. If Lincoln is assigned as 'historic' and other buildings the district owns as well, they may not be able to make the necessary adjustments that are going to be required with the decreasing student population and consolidations that need to occur. The situation is dire for the students in our district and I hope the council takes this into account when they discuss the designation of Lincoln as a historic site tonight.

Thank you,
Kathryn Skemp Moran