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Dear Sirs,

We are writing to express our support of the proposed joint initiative between the City of Hamilton and the HWDSB regarding a new public secondary school in our neighbourhood. (Council Agenda for February 27, 2013, Item 5.8)

That we are at this stage is the result of the great work the City of Hamilton and the HWDSB has accomplished together thus far and we wish to take this opportunity to highlight this work and thank you very much for it.

Thank you for the support of our neighbourhood through the presentations delivered to the HWDSB ARC-North committee in 2011 by City of Hamilton Director of Neighbourhood Strategies, Paul Johnson and our Community Developer, David Derbyshire. We also note with appreciation, the presentation delivered by Hamilton Community Foundation President & CEO, Terry Cooke. These three presentations represented our concerns very well as they all spoke to the importance of providing educational opportunities to address poverty in our neighbourhood.

We further note with appreciation, the strong support provided by the City of Hamilton with regard to provincial funding which has resulted in \$31.8 million dollars being allocated for this facility.

Our neighbourhood has some wonderful opportunities ahead that together can be much greater than the sum of their parts. The development of the new stadium, the potential new City recreational and community facilities, and a new public high school each has the potential to increase the effectiveness of the others. It is for this reason that we write to express our support of the proposed joint initiative.

Again, thank you very much for the great work that is bringing this exciting opportunity to our neighbourhood.

Yours truly,



Steve Calverley
Chair, South Sherman Community Planning Team