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To Whom it May Concern:

When I realized that the East Side School Building was actually in danger of being lost to our community because of lack of funds to restore and maintain it, I decided that I should do my very best to support the efforts to keep this building in Decorah.

The East Side School is an important building in Decorah's history. Four generations of my family have been educated there. Far beyond any sentiment on my part is the fact that this building has been a part of the lives of people in Decorah for well over 100 years. It is a fine old building. It is on the National Register of Historic Buildings. With the proper restoration and maintenance it can remain a Decorah landmark for another 100 years.

Organizations and businesses will be able to use the renovated East Side as a center for programs which will enhance the future economic and cultural development of Decorah.

I urge that you join me in this effort to keep a national treasure like the East Side School Building in our community. Your work and support will be greatly appreciated, now and in generations to come.

Respectfully,


Frederic A. Carlson