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Le Sueur, MN 56058

Subject: Letter of Opposition – Le Sueur Public School Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places

November 14, 2025

Amy Spong, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
Administration Building #203  
50 Sherburne Ave.  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

To Whom It May Concern:

I write today to respectfully oppose the nomination for Le Sueur Public School being considered for addition to the National Register of Historic Places.

Earlier this month, the Le Sueur Economic Development Authority (EDA) entered into a purchase agreement with the Le Sueur – Henderson Public School District to acquire the Le Sueur Public School and surrounding site, known colloquially in our community as the former Park Elementary School. The EDA plans to lead a redevelopment of the ~11-acre campus, and while we acknowledge the history of the school building in our community, its placement on the National Register of Historic Places poses potential risks to the EDA's plans for reinvigoration of the area.

While I acknowledge that the EDA, as a public body, is not allowed to formally object to the Le Sueur Public School being listed, I ask that the State Historic Preservation Review Board consider that the party nominating the Le Sueur Public School is no longer actively involved in the site's preservation, and that a public body with a mission of fostering community development within Le Sueur is now taking a direct financial and community-minded stake in the future of this property.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Roby".

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