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Urban Design Commission
City of Madison, Planning Division
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Madison, WI 53701-2985

**Re: East High School Additions and Renovations
Letter of Intent – Project Description
EUA Project No.: 320534-01**

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Dear Commission Members:

The proposed project includes updating East High School located at 2222 East Washington Avenue. The goal of this project is to provide up to date learning environments for our Madison students. We are also updating much of the building infrastructure as many of those systems have reached the end of their life expectancy.

The project will include additions and interior renovations to the school building and renovations to the grounds and athletics fields. The summary of the proposed project follows.

School Building:

- Provide a new Welcome Center and front entrance to the school facing N 4th Street.
- Provide a new cafeteria expansion addition along N 4th Street with band and orchestra classrooms and associated practice rooms above.
- Partially infill a courtyard with new fitness center next to the existing field house.
- Renovating existing locker rooms to accommodate ADA.
- In addition to the additions listed, much of the building interior spaces and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing systems will be renovated. All toilet rooms will be made ADA accessible and 2 new elevators are to be added. These new elevators will improve ADA access to all parts of the building.
- For improved safety, the building is being fully sprinklered and an updated fire alarm system is being added.
- The building envelope is being improved with some exterior tuckpointing, roof replacement and window replacement.

Grounds and Athletics:

- To respond to the new additions, entry sidewalk and walkway is being planned from N 4th Street to the new Welcome Center.
- Parking lot repaving and striping along N 4th Street near new Welcome Center.
- New storm water bio retention areas are being planned to offset the new planned additions.
- New competition turf football field with relocated goal post.

The original East High School, designed by Frank Riley in 1922, is recognized as a Landmark by the City of Madison. According to the *National Park Service Technical Preservation Briefs*, a new addition must preserve the building's historic character and, to do that, it must be differentiated, but compatible with the historic building. A new addition must retain the essential form and integrity of the historic property. The additions to East High School are harmonious with, but do not overshadow the original design or subsequent additions. Identifying proportions and architectural elements of the original building informed the mass and articulation of the additions. Stone window surrounds and wall detailing are included in the additions but in a manner that allows each element of East High School to stand on its own. Predominant materials of the additions are modular brick masonry common bond to match the coursing of the original building, precast concrete details, banding and panels.