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City of Madison Plan Commission & Common Council

Re: Letter of Intent for Rezoning of Pope Farm Site

Dear Alders and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Middleton – Cross Plains School District, I am submitting a land use application to the City of Madison for the school property on the western edge of Blackhawk Neighborhood. The project will include rezoning and platting of 39.50 acres on the western perimeter of the City of Madison.

The land is currently zoned Ag and is vacant. The zoning of the area is proposed to be changed to R-1 to accommodate an elementary school, possible long term middle school, 12 new single-family residential units, and storm water management. This property was annexed into the City in 2007.

Developed neighborhoods to the east of the site include existing single-family units in the Blackhawk Neighborhood. The Pope Farm Park in the Town of Middleton is adjacent to the site to the west. To the immediate north and south of the site are single family residential lots currently in the Town of Middleton.

An extension of Schewe Road is proposed through the site that will connect Blackhawk Road to Old Sauk Road. The proposed school will access Schewe Road. In addition, River Birch Road and Shadow Ridge Road will be extended from the Blackhawk Neighborhood into the site to form I-intersections with Schewe Road.

Construction of the new elementary school and associated infrastructure are contingent upon a referendum on the April 7, 2009 election ballot. Pending approval of this referendum, the general development schedule for the site is as follows:

Referendum on School Groundbreaking / Earthwork Begin School Construction Occupancy of Elementary School

April 7, 2009 Late Summer / Early Fall 2009

Fall 2009 Fall 2010

The Middleton-Cross Plains School District and project team have been working cooperatively with City of Madison staff and Blackhawk Neighborhood Association to prepare a plan and development proposal that meet the objectives of the School District and adjacent neighborhood, and is also consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Development of the site will provide the City and

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Blackhawk Neighborhood with a high-quality elementary school to serve local families. We greatly appreciate your consideration, welcome your feedback and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Travis Schreiber, P.E.

cc: Tom Wohlleber, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, MCPASD

Larry Bray, Principal, Bray Architects

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