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March 13, 2024

Via E-mail (building@townofng.com) and Regular Mail

Eric Cioffi, Code Enforcement Officer
Town of North Greenbush
2 Douglas Street
Wynantskill, NY 12198

Re: La Salle Institute Proposed Girls Softball Field

Dear Mr. Cioffi:

I write in my capacity as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of La Salle Institute. As the Town is aware, several years ago, La Salle Institute embarked upon a Mission Expansion Initiative to welcome young ladies to La Salle Institute. The response to this change has been overwhelming and has resulted in the enrollment of approximately 175 young ladies across grades 6 through 12.

In conjunction with the expansion of the school's mission, we have necessarily increased our extracurricular and sporting activities to provide opportunities to all students. While many of our facilities are multi-purpose with respect to sports, one facility that we do not have is a softball field. As you can imagine, interest in girls' sports is significant and the Board of Trustees and the school community want to build a sports facility to serve the girls' softball team. With significant support from parents and the business community, we are well positioned to build that field this spring for the upcoming softball season. I have attached to this letter a drawing showing the location of the proposed field, which is behind the current football field in an area that has historically been used for football practice. A portion of this land is proposed to be converted into softball field use, with the construction of appropriate backstops, fencing and dugouts for the players.

We have consulted with appropriate sports and fencing professionals to optimally place the field and design it to minimize the risk of any foul balls leaving our property, which was a significant concern during the planning process. We have also reviewed the plans with the New York State DOT which has jurisdiction over the adjacent roads and received no objection to the plan. On a related note, there are no other proposed changes to the school infrastructure necessary to support this change...parking, driveways or other built areas of the school will not be modified.

The Town of North Greenbush is a valued partner, and we appreciate the services the Town and EMS agencies provide to the school. To that end, we have contacted the Town in advance with this project to keep the lines of communication open and are prepared to present at the Planning Board meeting of March 25, 2024 for informational purposes. I look forward to meeting with the Planning Board that night and answering any additional questions.

Thank you for your courtesies and efforts with this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David C. Brennan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

David C. Brennan, Chairman
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