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Louis P. Bianchi, AIA  
Senior Architect  
Greece Central School District  
1785 Latta Road  
Rochester, New York 14612

**Re: School #5**

Mr. Bianchi,

I am sending this letter on behalf of the Town of Greece Planning Board. Following the adoption of Local Law #1 in 2017, which amended Chapter 128 of Greece Town Code (Historic Preservation), the Planning Board now serves the role of historic preservation steward for the Town of Greece. That role includes safeguarding and fostering civic pride in historic resources and providing advice in this regard to other departments and agencies.

I am reaching out to follow up on your discussions with town staff regarding the former School #5 building at 1785 Latta Road, which is proposed to be demolished as part of GCSD's facility expansion project at that location. The Town of Greece places a high value on historic resources, and especially community structures such as this former school since residents may have some sense of ownership. Certainly the Planning Board in its capacity as a steward of historic resources finds this building important. It is our understanding that the structure is structurally sound and currently still used for district offices.

We would like to know if consideration was given to retaining and even expanding the existing structure, and what the status is of SHPO's review in that regard. Again, part of our charge is to safeguard and foster civic pride in historic resources. We know that when SHPO authorizes demolition of such a structure, they often require documentation including photographs and some narrative of historic context and/or previous uses. If SHPO has authorized demolition of the structure, we request that a record of those materials be provided to the Office of the Town Historian for permanent retention.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (585) 723-2432 to discuss this matter further.

Respectfully,

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Junior Planner/Planning Board Clerk

cc: Supervisor William D. Reilich  
Superintendent Kathy Graupman  
Town Historian Keith Suhr