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Mayor Bob Bratina
City of Hamilton
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Dear Mayor Bratina,

I am writing to confirm Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's (HWDSB) desire to work with the City of Hamilton on an exciting and promising joint initiative within the established Pan Am precinct. This includes the lands bounded by Cannon Street to the north, Balsam Avenue North to the east, King Street East to the south and Melrose Avenue North to the west.

As you may be aware, HWDSB is also interested in constructing a new secondary school in this location. In May 2012 after a lengthy consultation process, trustees made the decision to close Delta, Sir John A. Macdonald and Parkview and build a new school in a centrally located site between Delta and Sir John A. Macdonald.

We have been working with the City as one of the partners to redevelop the Pan Am Stadium precinct. This joint initiative by HWDSB and the City of Hamilton would be an excellent opportunity to co-locate a secondary school, seniors' complex, revitalized swimming pool, ancillary parking and green space on the site.

We are pleased to let you know that HWDSB recently received \$31.8 million in capital funding to construct a new secondary school and must now move forward with plans to open the new school by September 2016. We are asking for Hamilton City Council's support for this joint initiative. We would ask that City staff be directed to begin immediate negotiations with HWDSB on a binding Memorandum of Agreement, which must be completed by March 27, 2013.

We know our timelines are tight but we firmly believe this project will have a positive impact on our students as well as the greater community. We hope that we can count on your support to direct staff to negotiate a binding Memorandum of Agreement by the March 27, 2013 deadline.

We look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Sincerely,

Tim Simmons
Chair of the Board
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

cc. Councillor Morelli, Ward 3
Chris Murray, City Manager

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