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Whereas: The city of Easthampton has proposed a debt exclusion for the construction of a pre-kindergarten through eighth grade combined school building to replace our current three elementary school buildings and middle school building.

Whereas: Current elementary buildings are each over or nearly over a hundred years old, out of compliance with current education regulations, costing the city many tax dollars to repair and maintain with the Maple Street School being one of the oldest schools in the commonwealth.

Whereas: White Brook Middle School is in disrepair, inefficient, not conducive to teaching and learning with a poorly designed layout and has chronic issues with basic systems that directly impact students.

Whereas: Conditions in current school buildings are unhealthy for our children, not in line with educational standards and not compatible with 21st century teaching and learning.

Whereas: The entire Easthampton community will benefit from a school with modern design, larger classrooms, and improved facilities for the education of our students and the use of the community.

Whereas: Improving our schools is an investment in the future of education in Easthampton by decreasing our loss to school choice and charter and to establish the Easthampton School System as a premier school precinct in the region.

Whereas: The quality education that residents have been getting in Easthampton for years are a result of dedicated, qualified, caring and exceptional teachers, administrators and staff, in spite of outdated school buildings and limited facilities.

Whereas: Our investment in a new school today is an investment in the future of our city and can support students, families, residents and help overall positive growth in our community.

Whereas: Our role as municipal officials is not only to legislate, but to be leaders in our community.

Therefore be it resolved: That the members of the Easthampton City Council support the pre-K through eight building proposal wholeheartedly. Helping residents understand the impact, financial and otherwise, as well as providing positive support of the ballot process.

Dated this 7th day of March, 2018.

The image shows seven handwritten signatures in black ink, each written over a horizontal line. The signatures are arranged in two columns: three on the left and four on the right. The signatures are cursive and vary in style, representing the individual members of the City Council.

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