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Mr. Nate Taylor
Detroit Public Schools
10th Floor Fisher Building
Detroit, Michigan 48202

Subject: Historic Cass Tech.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Thank you for agreeing to meet with me on the above subject. The Cass Tech Development & Preservation Society is a 501(c)3 organization of Cass Tech alumni and friends, whose sole purpose is to reconstitute the use of the Cass Tech High School building at 2421 Second Avenue.

I will provide you with the three years of development work in pursuance of our goal. The existing building was built in 1920 and was added to in 1978. It is uniquely situated at the intersection of Grand River and the I-375 Highway. When the facility houses residents in the market rate upper stories and on the middle floor's lower rate artist studio lofts and galleries, the occupants will be located three blocks away from the MGM Grand, eight blocks away from Motor City Casino, seven blocks away from the theater district and 8 to 10 blocks away from Comerica Park and Ford Field. In addition to the residences, we will have offices for the many 501(c)3 organizations that are looking for office space, rehearsal space for performance activities and an additional black box space for performances. Some retail will include a Starbucks or similar facility. We plan indoor parking in the present Auditorium space.

The Cass Corridor community, along with the Masonic Temple Association, has indicated their support of this farsighted proposal.

You will see from the documentation we will present that we have had responses from investors and developers. A local developer has expressed a desire to provide security in the building to stop any vandalism and theft that has prevailed at the site.

We will provide more information on this particular proposition as you require. I look forward to a call from your office to set up our meeting

Cass Technically yours

Ray Litt Chair, CTDAPS
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Report on the Meeting with Mr. Taylor:

The response by Mr. Taylor was positive. Mr. Taylor was impressed with a large looseleaf of information that we presented to him. The book contained our RFP, the condition of the building and the explanation of the Cass Tech Development and Preservation Society, including the fact that we have a 501(c)3 status. We pointed out to Mr. Taylor that we had several positive contacts, vis-à-vis the rehab project, and a significant concern by the interested parties was to ascertain how the Detroit Public School System would make a commitment for the developer to proceed. Would it be an outright sale or would it be a lease? Mr. Taylor pointed out that he had several buildings that he had to dispose of and was positive about our being able to work something out for the building at 2421 Second. He also noted the fact that parents at the new school were concerned about space for girls softball. Of course, we were cognizant of that concern. We had identified several areas contiguous to the building site that could conceivably be part of a package proposal that would be presented through him to the Board of Education. Mr. Taylor indicated that he would review our presentation and respond back to us with some ideas on how a proposal could be made through him to the Board of Education. Francis Grunow is preparing a letter to him as a follow-up to our meeting with him.