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Via E-mail: dfeldmann@sweethomeschools.org

Donald Feldmann
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1901 Sweet Home Road
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Dear Don:

Re: Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York; (Prop. No. 1)
Bond Resolution for Two-Part "District-Wide Capital Improvements Project, 2025"

Congratulations again on having obtained the voters' approval of the Two-Part "District-Wide Capital Improvements Project, 2025." It was great to see both propositions pass by wide margins.

In keeping with the proper sequence of events, and in accordance with the discussions and e-mail exchanges that have been taking place among the working group members, I have now enclosed an extract of minutes document containing a bond resolution authorizing the first component of the approved work (i.e., for the "Core Improvements Project" that was the subject of Proposition No. 1), and its future plan of financing. I understand that this is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Education for consideration at the study session on June 9, and adopted at the June 16 voting meeting. **This is the first of two bond resolutions that I am sending to you today.**

Please note that this bond resolution must be adopted by the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the entire voting strength of the Board, not just those in attendance. In other words, this bond resolution must receive at least five (5) affirmative votes to be effective.

Also enclosed is an estoppel notice containing a summary of the bond resolution. This one page should be submitted to the District's official newspapers (which we understand to be for this purpose the *Amherst Bee* and the *Buffalo Business First*) immediately after adoption of the bond resolution. It should be published one time in each of the newspapers.

As soon as they are available, kindly forward to me two certified copies of the extract of minutes document containing the bond resolution, and the original affidavits of publication. For convenience, I have included a checklist.

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Congratulations once again to you and all at the District who were instrumental in the presentation and approval of both components of the capital project, and we thank you for the opportunity to be of continuing service to the District as bond counsel. Please call Ben Clark (716.848.1461) or me with any comments or questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John", with a stylized, cursive script.

John A. Alessi

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Enclosures

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Maggie Augugliaro (maugugliaro@municipalsolution.com)
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Re: Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York; (Prop 1)
Bond Resolution for Two-Part "District-Wide Capital Improvements Project, 2025"

Date: _____, 2026

I enclose the following legal documents:

_____ two (2) certified copies of the extract of minutes document containing the bond resolution and the related clerk's certificate; and

_____ original affidavits of publication for the estoppel notice (from the *Amherst Bee* and the *Buffalo Business First*).

Forwarded by: _____ phone: _____

Questions:

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**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (the "District") was duly convened at _____ p.m., local time, at the _____ in the District, on June 16, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by _____ and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Board were:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

The following bond resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____, to-wit:

A BOND RESOLUTION, DATED JUNE 16, 2026 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “DISTRICT”) AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT (1) TO UNDERTAKE THE FIRST COMPONENT OF AN APPROVED TWO-PART “DISTRICT-WIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 2025” (THE “PROPOSITION NO. 1 PROJECT”) CONSISTING OF THE RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION AND RENOVATION OF, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES TO, VARIOUS DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND THE SITES THEREOF, ALL AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$55,200,000; (2) TO EXPEND OR APPLY TOWARD THE PROPOSITION NO. 1 PROJECT \$3,000,000 (DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR OF THE DISTRICT) FROM THE DISTRICT’S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RESERVE FUND, 2017, AND BE IT FURTHER; AND (3) TO ISSUE SERIAL BONDS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE DISTRICT (IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,200,000) TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF THE PROPOSITION NO. 1 PROJECT, AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES (IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH OBLIGATIONS) TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, at a special meeting and vote of the qualified voters of the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “District”), that was held on December 16, 2025, a proposition (“Proposition No. 1”) was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) (1) to undertake, the first component of a proposed Two-Part “District-Wide Capital Improvements Project, 2025” (the “Proposition No. 1 Project”) consisting of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and renovation of, and the construction of improvements and upgrades to, various District buildings and facilities and the sites thereof, all at an estimated maximum cost of \$55,200,000; (2) to expend or apply toward such Proposition No. 1 Project (during the current fiscal year of the District) \$3,000,000 from the District’s Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2017; and be it further; and (3) to levy a tax to finance the balance of the estimated maximum cost of the Proposition No. 1 Project, such tax to be collected in annual installments, with obligations of the District (in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$52,200,00) to be issued in anticipation thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the expenditure of up to \$55,200,000 for such purpose, and to provide for the financing thereof in accordance with Proposition No. 1;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board (by a favorable vote of at least two-thirds of all of the members of the Board), as follows:

Section 1. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the reconstruction, rehabilitation and renovation of, and the construction of improvements and upgrades to, various District buildings and facilities and the sites thereof, to implement various health, safety, accessibility and code compliance measures required by the State Education Department in connection with any significant capital project and various other measures that are generally described in (but are not to be limited by) the written plan for the Proposition No. 1 Project that was prepared by the District (with the assistance of Young + Wright Architectural) and is on file with the District Clerk, and being subject to the possibility of reallocation, deletion, revision or supplementation, as provided in the public notice of the vote on Proposition No. 1. The foregoing work shall include the purchase of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection with the purposes for which such buildings, facilities and sites are used, and all ancillary or related work required in connection therewith, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and in connection with the financing thereof.

Section 2. The estimated maximum cost of such class of objects or purposes is determined to be \$55,200,000, which expenditure is hereby authorized. The plan for the financing of the Proposition No. 1 Project is (1) to expend or apply toward the Proposition No. 1 Project \$3,000,000 (during the current fiscal year of the District) from the District's Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, 2017 and (2) to issue up to \$52,200,000 of serial bonds or other obligations of the District that may be lawfully issued under the Local Finance Law (the issuance of which is hereby specifically authorized for the financing of the balance of the estimated maximum cost of the Proposition No. 1 Project), with such amount to be offset by any federal, state, county and/or local funds received by the District for the Proposition No. 1 Project. Unless paid from other sources or charges, such balance of the estimated maximum cost of the Proposition No. 1 Project is to be paid by the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of such bonds or other obligations, and the interest thereon, as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the class of objects or purposes referred to in Section 1 hereof is thirty (30) years, pursuant to subdivision 97 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and of Section 50.00, Sections 56.00 to 60.00, Section 62.00, Section 62.10, Section 63.00, and Section 164.00 of the Local Finance Law, the powers and duties of the Board pertaining or incidental to the sale and issuance of the obligations herein authorized, including but not limited to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and details as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein

authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such bonds, and the renewals of such notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board, as the chief fiscal officer of the District. Without in any way limiting the scope of the foregoing delegation of powers, the President of the Board, to the extent permitted by Section 58.00(f) of the Local Finance Law, is specifically authorized to accept bids submitted in electronic format for any bonds or notes of the District.

Section 5. The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the purpose or purposes described in this resolution.

Section 6. This resolution shall constitute the declaration (or reaffirmation) of the District's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized in this resolution with the proceeds of the bonds, notes or other obligations authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

Section 7. Each of the obligations authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such obligations, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and such obligations shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District, without limitation as to rate or amount (subject to certain statutory limitations imposed by Chapter 97 of the 2011 Laws of New York). The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (1) the amortization and redemption of any such obligations to mature in such year and (2) the payment of interest on any such obligations to be due and payable in such year.

Section 8. The President of the Board is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the obligations authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and may designate the obligations authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 9. The President of the Board is further authorized to call in and redeem any outstanding obligations (at such times and in such amounts and maturities as may be deemed appropriate after consultation with District officials and the District's municipal advisor), to approve any related notice of redemption, and to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to effectuate any such calls for redemption pursuant to Section 53.00 of the Local Finance Law, with the understanding that no such call for redemption will be made unless such notice of redemption shall have first been filed with the District Clerk.

Section 10. The President of the Board is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure agreement with the initial purchaser of the obligations authorized hereunder (or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such obligations), containing provisions that are satisfactory to such purchaser in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Section 11. In the absence or unavailability of the President of the Board, the Vice President of the Board is hereby specifically authorized to exercise the powers delegated to the President of the Board in this resolution.

Section 12. The District Clerk is hereby authorized to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in the official newspaper(s) of the District, or if no newspaper(s) have been so designated, then in a newspaper having general circulation in the District, which newspaper shall be designated by the Board in a separate resolution. The validity of the obligations authorized hereby, or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such obligations, may be contested only if:

(1) (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution (or a summary thereof) are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within 20 days after the date of such publication; or

(2) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

Section 13. This resolution is effective immediately and shall be placed in the official minutes of the Board as an official action of the Board.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing bond resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The bond resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CERTIFICATE OF DISTRICT CLERK

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

1. The undersigned is the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “District”) and the custodian of the records of the District, including the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”), and is duly authorized to execute this certificate.

2. A meeting of the Board was duly convened and held on June 16, 2026, and minutes of the meeting have been duly recorded in the minute book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the minutes of meetings of the Board.

3. I have compared the attached extract with the recorded minutes and the extract is a true, correct and exact copy of the minutes and of the whole thereof insofar as the minutes relate to the subject matters referred to in the extract.

4. The extract of minutes correctly states the members of the Board who attended and voted at the meeting.

5. The extract of minutes contains a true and correct copy of a resolution that was duly adopted at such meeting of the Board entitled:

A BOND RESOLUTION, DATED JUNE 16, 2026 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “DISTRICT”) AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT (1) TO UNDERTAKE THE FIRST COMPONENT OF AN APPROVED TWO-PART “DISTRICT-WIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 2025” (THE “PROPOSITION NO. 1 PROJECT”) CONSISTING OF THE RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION AND RENOVATION OF, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES TO, VARIOUS DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND THE SITES THEREOF, ALL AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$55,200,000; (2) TO EXPEND OR APPLY TOWARD THE PROPOSITION NO. 1 PROJECT \$3,000,000 (DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR OF THE DISTRICT) FROM THE DISTRICT’S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RESERVE FUND, 2017, AND BE IT FURTHER; AND (3) TO ISSUE SERIAL BONDS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE DISTRICT (IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,200,000) TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF THE PROPOSITION NO. 1 PROJECT, AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES (IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH OBLIGATIONS) TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT.

6. Such resolution was duly adopted in all respects in accordance with law and the regulations of the District, and has not since been rescinded, revoked, amended, annulled or modified and is in full force and effect. A legally sufficient number of members (at least 2/3 of the voting strength of the Board) voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the resolution. All other requirements and proceedings under law, such regulations, or otherwise, incident to such meeting and the adoption of the resolution, including any publication, if required by law, have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed.

7. The seal appearing below constitutes the official seal of the District and was duly affixed by the undersigned at the time this certificate was signed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this certificate as of
June 16, 2026.

District Clerk

(SEAL)

**THE FOLLOWING PAGE IS THE
LEGAL NOTICE (ESTOPPEL NOTICE)**

**IT IS TO BE PUBLISHED ONCE IN THE OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPER(S) OF THE DISTRICT AFTER
THE BOARD ADOPTS THE BOND RESOLUTION**

**NOTICE OF BOND RESOLUTION
SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the bond resolution summarized below has been adopted by the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “District”) on June 16, 2026, and the validity of the serial bonds or other obligations authorized by such resolution (or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such obligations) may be hereafter contested only if:

1. (a) such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of the law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within 20 days after the date of such publication of this notice, or

2. such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SUMMARY OF BOND RESOLUTION

The following is a summary of a bond resolution that was adopted by the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “District”) on June 16, 2026. The bond resolution authorizes first component of a proposed Two-Part “District-Wide Capital Improvements Project, 2025” (the “Proposition No. 1 Project”) that was approved by the District’s voters on December 16, 2025, and is to be undertaken by the District at an estimated maximum cost of \$55,200,000. The bond resolution further authorizes (1) the expenditure toward the Proposition No. 1 Project of \$3,000,000 (during the current fiscal year of the District) from the District’s Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2017; (2) the issuance and sale of serial bonds or other obligations of the District, in an amount not to exceed \$52,200,000, to finance the balance of the estimated maximum cost of the Proposition No. 1 Project; and (3) the delegation, to the President of the Board, of the power to authorize the issuance of notes in anticipation of the sale of such obligations. The Proposition No. 1 Project consists of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and renovation of, and the construction of improvements and upgrades to, various District buildings and facilities and the sites thereof, the purchase of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection with the purposes for which such buildings, facilities and sites are used, and all ancillary or related work required in connection therewith, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and in connection with the financing thereof. The period of probable usefulness for the Proposition No. 1 Project is 30 years. A copy of the resolution summarized hereby is available for public inspection during normal business hours for 20 days following the publication of this summary at the office of the District Clerk, 1901 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, New York.