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Kiwanis Club of Buffalo  
8274 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221

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Dr. William A. Kresse, Principal, City Honors School at Fosdick Masten Park  
186 East North Street, Buffalo, NY 14204

Dear Dr. Kresse,

The Kiwanis Club of Buffalo Board of Directors is very much in favor of restoring the area bounded by Best Street, Michigan Avenue, East North Street and Fosdick Street, also known as Woodson Gardens, to the high school on the hill next to it. We understand that the alumni of the former high school, Fosdick Masten, and the alumni of the present high school there, City Honors, are also very much in favor of reattaching this property to the school. Our Board wishes to join all those who are asking our city officials, professionals as well as elected, to do all within their ability to see that the negotiations necessary for this to happen do indeed occur.

The Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus already is a busy metropolitan center. It is shaping up to become even more busy. Land use is becoming more and more restricted as present business expands and new health related business comes into the BNMC. As with the Olmsted Parks, the public psyche benefits from open space which often is an afterthought in any intense scramble for land.

There is great wisdom in creating an open space in an area which is near, and may well eventually become within, the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. The Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority did a positive service to the community in knocking down ruined housing thus showing the potential of the space. Attaching such a space to a Buffalo Public High School, City Honors at Fosdick Masten Park, gives this land a direct and practical everyday purpose which favors no particular business except the high school. This assures a responsible neutral and purposeful maintenance in the future focus surrounding the property.

This field represents a unique opportunity to get it done properly for school, which includes our Key Club of which we are proud, and the community. Thank you for your effort.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Sutz, President