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Dear Susan,

Yesterday, before a Historic Preservation Month speaking engagement in Kenyon, I drove down to look at the 1917-1918 Kasson Public School, recently listed as one of the ten most endangered properties in Minnesota. I also reviewed the history of the building and its architect, Nels Jacobsen.

I believe, based on this preliminary review, that the property would qualify for the National Register of Historic Places. Under Criterion A, the school had a continuing impact on the community in the contexts of education and social history. It might also qualify under Criterion C, although additional research would be needed to compare the school to Jacobsen's other work and the architectural trends of the era. The design is well-conceived and executed with its use of three distinct sections joined by connecting hallways.

The school maintains a high level of integrity. Unlike many other schools built during that period, it never had a substantial addition. The only detractor is that old bane of period schools — the replacement of the original windows with a combination of aluminum-framed windows and spandrel panels. That change, though, is easily reversible.

It is a fine building and one that should be preserved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Hoisington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D".

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