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## Work continues to save the Kasson Elementary School

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The Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) has contacted historic building preservation experts who are interested in the effort to find a new life for the school. Many promising options and ideas have been offered. Experts have inspected the school and report that the school's structure is in good condition making it an excellent candidate for reuse in one form or another. The school's quality construction materials and beautiful architecture are impossible to economically reproduce 90 years after it was dedicated on December 1, 1918.

Even though the city is soliciting bids for the demolition of the school, KARE will be presenting additional information and reuse options to the city council as the effort to save the school continues. KARE members attended the recent auction at the school and secured a number of historical items which will be used when the building is restored.

Many of your fellow citizens are working hard to save the school. KARE needs your help and welcomes the support of the community. You can contact KARE at 507-696-6769 to donate your time, join KARE's free mailing list or make a tax deductible contribution of which 100 percent will go toward the save-the-school effort. Letters of support from local citizens or your memories of the school are also needed. You can mail them to KARE, 122 West Main St, Suite No. 2, Kasson, MN 55944 or email at [copycat@kmtel.com](mailto:copycat@kmtel.com).