

Dear KARE Supporters,  
The following press release was issued today to the media. The website is undergoing revisions. Check out our new format which will continue to improve over the next month or so.

Thank you,  
Kasson Alliance.

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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**Kasson Alliance (KARE) Files Bond for Temporary Injunction to Stop Demolition**

**Kasson, Minnesota, June 19, 2007:** The Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) filed a \$50,000 bond with the Dodge County Court Administrator on Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>. The bond secures a temporary injunction preventing the City of Kasson from demolishing the historic Kasson Public School. The city council voted to demolish the stately school in November 2006.

Over the past few months, KARE representatives attended numerous city council meetings to try and persuade the council to delay the demolition and cooperate with the non-profit to explore reuse options for the 1918-era school. After the council rejected those requests, KARE filed legal action on May 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Dodge County District Court requesting a temporary injunction to prevent demolition of the school. A hearing was held on June 5<sup>th</sup> before the Honorable Judge Casey J. Christian. Both sides presented arguments related to the school's status as a historic resource protected by Minnesota law. After reviewing the information presented to the court, Judge Christian signed a court order on June 7<sup>th</sup> granting KARE a temporary injunction to stop the demolition provided KARE could post a \$50,000 bond by June 19<sup>th</sup>. In a strong show of support from the community; numerous KARE supporters offered assistance in raising funds for the bond. Subsequently, a bond from the Travelers Casualty and Surety Insurance Company was secured by an irrevocable line of credit from the Kasson Eastwood Bank. The injunction will remain in place until the February 11, 2008 court trial during which the court will hear evidence as to whether the school qualifies for protection under state law, and whether it should issue a permanent injunction preventing the school's demolition.

**With assistance from the State Historic Preservation Office; KARE has drafted a project management plan that outlines the necessary steps for conducting a reuse study for the school. KARE has also hired a historic preservation consultant to prepare a nomination for inclusion of the school on the National Register of Historic Places. Additional information on these and other efforts will be available in the coming months.**

**The Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed in January 2007. KARE's mission is to preserve historic buildings, structures and properties to serve as landmarks of the communities' heritage, along with being a source of education in the importance of historic preservation. KARE's 300+ membership continues to grow as a result of the recent news related to the school. For more information, visit KARE's website at <http://www.kassonalliance.org>.**

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