

**Williamsville Central School District**  
**Resolution No.   1**

**Determining that Action for the 2020 Security Project to Renovate and/or Improve Security features and for certain other Repair or Replacement work at South High School will not have a Significant Adverse Environmental Impact**

**WHEREAS**, the Williamsville Central School District (the “District”) is the sponsor of certain work as described in Exhibit A at South High School, (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Project involves renovations and improvements to install blue light lockdown system, to add security film and emergency power circuits at each of the referenced schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project also includes certain other repair and/or replacement work, including refurbishing technology rooms, renovating the guidance suite, adding new fencing, and also the addition of a new parking lot as identified in Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, South High School is not located within close proximity to other District facilities;

**WHEREAS**, the District now desires to comply with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations in 6 NYCRR Part 617 adopted by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the “Regulations”) with respect to the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Regulations, the District has considered the Project in light of the actions included on the Type I list specified in Section 617.4 of the Regulations and in light of the actions included on the Type II list specified in Section 617.5 of the Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the courts of this state have held that segmentation cannot occur if one or more of the projects are Type II actions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:**

Based upon an examination of the EAF and other available supporting information, and considering both the magnitude and importance of each relevant area of environmental concern, and based further upon the District's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project and such further investigation of the Project and its potential environmental impacts as the District has deemed appropriate, the District makes the following findings and determinations:

1. The Project is described above and in the EAF; and
2. The District wishes to undertake a coordinated review for the Project and has determined that it will act as the "lead agency" for the Project (as the quoted term is defined in the Regulations) because the New York State Education Department, the only other involved agency for the Project, has declared by regulation that it will no longer act as the lead agency for SEQRA review of District projects; and
3. The Project at South High School constitutes a "Type I action" (as the quoted term is defined in the Regulations) because South High School is eligible for listing on the New York State Registry of Historic Places; and
4. The District has completed Part 2 and Part 3 of the long EAF as required by the Regulations and has determined that no significant adverse environmental impacts are noted in the EAF for the Project and none are known to the District; and
5. The District's review of the Project does not amount to unlawful segmentation and is protective of the environment. The Project does not share a geographic location with other projects, is functionally independent of other District projects such that approval of one does not commit the District to undertaking all actions. There are also no

common cumulative impacts given the nature and location of the District projects. The case law is also clear that there can be no segmentation when one or more of the projects is a Type II action; and

6. Therefore, the District hereby determines that the Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact, and the District will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement with respect to the Project; and

7. As a consequence of the foregoing, the District approves the attached Negative Declaration and authorizes the Superintendent to cause the Negative Declaration to be filed and distributed in accordance with SEQRA and the Regulations, and to maintain copies of the Negative Declaration in the District office in a file that will be readily accessible to the public; and

8. A copy of the EAF and this resolution shall be provided to the New York State Education Department;

9. The District will continue to comply with the New York State Education Department Guidelines for School District Implementation of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) and Associated Changes in the SED Building Permit Process, which requires consultation with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

## **EXHIBIT A**

South High School

### ***Security and Entrance Renovation Work includes:***

- Security – Entrance Renovation Scope of Work
- Add blue light lockdown system throughout school
- Add security film to all entrances and cafe
- Add emergency power circuits to allow lighting of selected boys and girls lavatories

### ***Other Project Requests Include:***

- Add new parking lot in southwest area in front of school
- Refurbish technology rooms (new lighting, floors, paint, cabinets)
- Renovate Guidance suite – use room 105, incorporate Counselors, Transition worker, and Social Worker into space
- Add new fence to control traffic flow from the school through Farber Lane