

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PRAIRIE LAKES AREA EDUCATION AGENCY**

PETITION FOR REORGANIZATION

We, the undersigned eligible electors of the Webster City Community School District and the Northeast Hamilton Community School District, hereby petition the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency pursuant to Section 275.12 of the Code of Iowa to conduct a hearing pursuant to Sections 275.15 and 275.16 of the Code of Iowa at which time the following petition shall be considered by the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency Board of Directors:

1. That the Webster City Community School District and the Northeast Hamilton Community School District be merged and consolidated into a new community school district to be known as the Webster City Community School District to include the area as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof and comprising all of the territory of the two existing districts.

2. That the Webster City Community School District and the Northeast Hamilton Community School District believe that the proposed school district conforms with the plans developed by the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency, but, if such proposed district does not conform, they request that the plans of the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency be changed to conform to the proposed district.

3. That the Webster City Community School District and the Northeast Hamilton Community School District believe that all necessary studies and surveys have been conducted which are a prerequisite to this proposed reorganization, but, if further studies or surveys are required, they request that the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency conduct such studies or surveys for the proposed reorganization.

4. That the number of directors of the proposed school district shall be five (5) and that the method of election of the proposed district shall be the method authorized by Section 275.12(2)(c) of the Code of Iowa, with the election of not more than one-half of the total number of school directors (which in this case shall be 2 school directors) at large from the entire district and the remaining directors (which in this case shall be 3 school directors) from and as residents of designated geographical single-member director districts on the basis of population, each of which shall be represented on the school board by a director who shall be a resident of the respective director district but who shall be elected by the vote of the electors of the entire district.

5. That the initial board of the proposed school district shall be established using the alternative method for director elections pursuant to Section 275.41 of the Code of Iowa. The initial board shall consist of five (5) directors. The Webster City Community School District Board of Directors shall designate four (4) of its members to be retained as members of the initial board and the Northeast Hamilton Community School District Board of Directors shall designate one (1) of its members to be retained as members of the initial board, such numbers of directors being proportionate to the populations of the districts.

6. That neither the Webster City Community School District nor the Northeast Hamilton Community School District have approved the issuance of general obligation bonds at

an election pursuant to Section 296.6 of the Code of Iowa during the preceding six-month period.

7. That the Webster City Community School District and the Northeast Hamilton Community School District are contiguous to one another as required by Section 275.1(2) of the Code of Iowa, and the proposed school district will contain a combined enrollment in excess of the minimum enrollment prescribed by Section 275.3 of the Code of Iowa.

8. That following a hearing as required in accordance with Sections 275.15 and 275.16 of the Code of Iowa, and the approval of the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency Board of Directors, a special election be held as required by Section 275.18 of the Code of Iowa, and that such other proceedings be had as are required in accordance with Chapter 275 of the Code of Iowa in order to effectuate the reorganization requested in this Petition.

9. That a revenue purpose statement pursuant to Section 423F.3 of the Code of Iowa, authorizing the use of any School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenues received for any authorized “school infrastructure purpose” now or hereafter authorized by law, be voted upon for the proposed school district at the special election conducted under Section 275.18 of the Code of Iowa on the reorganization.

10. That the assets and liabilities of the two districts be merged, including the payment of principal and interest on any outstanding indebtedness payable from the School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenues of the historical Webster City Community School District and the historical Northeast Hamilton Community School District, except: 1) the existing debt service levy for payment of principal and interest on outstanding general obligation bonds of the historical Webster City Community School District will remain with the territory of the historical Webster City Community School District, including any refunding or reissuance of the outstanding general obligation bonds; and 2) the existing debt service levy for payment of principal and interest on outstanding general obligation bonds of the historical Northeast Hamilton Community School District will remain with the territory of the historical Northeast Hamilton Community School District, including any refunding or reissuance of the outstanding general obligation bonds.

Respectfully submitted by the eligible electors of the Webster City Community School District and the Northeast Hamilton Community School District whose signatures are attached hereto.

EXHIBIT A
(Legal Descriptions of Area to be Included in Proposed District)

Webster City Community School District:

Northeast Hamilton Community School District:

