

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF: The Proposed Reorganization of the Northeast Hamilton Community School District and the Webster City Community School District

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that petitions are now on file in the office of the Administrator of Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency for the proposed reorganization of the Northeast Hamilton Community School District and the Webster City Community School District into a new school corporation to also be known as the Webster City Community School District.

The petition proposes that the boundaries of the new school corporation include all of the current area of the two existing districts as set forth in the petition. The petition provides that all assets and liabilities of the two Districts be merged except for existing general obligation bonds of each District which shall remain the responsibility of taxpayers within the historical territory of each individual District to pay. A copy of the petition is available at the AEA 8 office at the address set forth below during regular office hours.

The petition further proposes that the number of directors on the initial Board and the regular Board shall be five. Per Iowa Code section 275.41 the Webster City Board shall appoint four directors to the initial Board and the Northeast Hamilton Board shall appoint one director. The regular Board shall be elected pursuant to Iowa Code section 275.12(2)(c) with two directors elected at large and three directors elected as residents of three single member director districts. All directors on the regular Board will be voted upon by all the electors of the entire District.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written objections to the petitions in the form of an affidavit must be filed and received not later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday January 3, 2018 in the office of Jeff Herzberg, Administrator, Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency, 500 NE 6<sup>th</sup> St., Pocahontas, IA 50574. Late filed objections may not be considered. Objection forms are prescribed by the Department of Education and are available in the office of J. Herzberg and/or the office of the school superintendent of the Northeast Hamilton and the Webster City Districts. Objection forms are available for requesting dismissal of the filed petitions and/or requesting property to be set out of the proposal. Objections filed by residents or landowners requesting that property be removed from the proposed district shall include the correct legal description of the property to be removed. Objectors requesting that land be removed may also speak in support of their objection at the hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the hearing on the petitions and objections thereto shall be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northeast Hamilton Community School District Media Center, 606 Illinois Street, Blairsburg, IA 50034 before the Board of Prairie Lakes AEA. At the hearing, interested parties will be given the opportunity to present evidence and arguments in favor of or against the proposed petition.

Dated: November 14, 2017

Jeff Herzberg, Administrator, Prairie Lakes AEA 8, 500 NE6th St., Pocahontas, IA 50574