

The Lansing Town Board
Auburn Road
Lansing, NY 14882

February 19, 2007

Dear Board members,

In March of 2007 The Friends of the Lansing Community Library Center (LCLC) will officially open the application process to receive a Charter from the New York State Department of Education. During the March 1st Lansing School Board of Education meeting LCLC will present a proposition to be placed on the slate for the May 15, 2007 school budget vote. This proposition will ask voters to establish LCLC as a school district library for the free use of all residents of the Lansing Central School District. We will be asking the community to support the library at the rate of 17 cents per thousand of assessed property value to cover the cost of staff and operations. This money will be separate from the School District Budget and will total \$108,310. An elected Board of Trustees will govern the library.

Over the past six years the Town of Lansing has been our constant mainstay of financial backing, allowing us to successfully meet our operational budget each year. What I would like to address with the Town Board is the financial relationship between LCLC and the Town, if the proposition is passed. We are hoping to be able to continue our present rental agreement with you, and we would like to explore ways in which the Town would consider continuing its support of library services through such collaborative efforts as an endowment, co-sponsorship of a major fund raising event, or programming opportunities in our newly renovated facilities.

I would like to meet with the Board, or committee members of the Board, to further explore this issue. If the residents of the Lansing Central School District pass this proposition and we receive our Charter we will be on the road to operational financial independence. Further support and fund raising will always be needed to expand and improve our programs and services to the community.

Again, thank you for your continued support. I look forward to hearing from you and working through this next process.

Sincerely,

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