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To Members of the Easthampton Community,

A good partnership between Williston and Easthampton is an essential foundation for the success of the school and the city—one that helps to create a prosperous and successful future for both. In order to keep the general community updated, Williston presents this annual letter, which provides information for fiscal year 2023-24. Our goal is to give an overview of the various ways the school partners and supports activities in Easthampton and the local community on an ongoing basis.

Like most nonprofit organizations, Williston needs to maintain a balanced and sustainable annual operating budget. Our principal mission is to educate and support the needs of middle and high school students, estimated at 481 students for fiscal year 2023-24. Last year, we had 430 high school students (grades 9-12), who hailed from 23 states and 23 countries, and 51 middle school students (grades 7-8) who live locally. While the safety and success of our students is our primary focus, we also recognize that we are one of city's largest employers, as well as a campus that directly neighbors the heart of the city. As such, Williston takes its civic responsibilities very seriously, and focuses its charitable endeavors on the city of Easthampton. Our administration and Board of Trustees are committed to offering a mix of financial assistance, donations of goods and time, and the use of our facilities, whenever possible, to the city and local groups. What follows is an overview of specific efforts during the past year.

- Williston supported local businesses by purchasing approximately \$773,428 in goods and services from businesses in Easthampton, and the towns of Southampton and Westhampton.
- Through sponsorships and donations of money and goods, we supported community-based programs, such as The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, to whom we provided several hundred meals for neighbors seeking food assistance throughout the four counties of western Massachusetts. Williston also backed community programs, such as the former Emily Williston Library, now the Easthampton Public Library, CitySpace for the Old Town Hall Transformation Campaign to support the arts, and the Chamber of Commerce.
- Williston donated support to numerous Easthampton groups and organizations, such as: the Easthampton Little League, Easthampton Holiday Lighting Fund, Easthampton Winter Fest, Easthampton "Give 'Em the Bird" road race, Riverside Industries Annual Silent & Live Auction, Millpond Live Festival, Art in the Orchard, the Easthampton High School "We The People" trip to Washington, D.C., the "Thunder in the Valley Festival & Easthampton Fireworks" at Millside Park, whose proceeds benefit the Children's Miracle Network at Baystate Children's Hospital, and the Friends of the Manhan Rail Trail.
- Throughout the year, the school provided use of our facilities to various community-based groups, including our rink, pool, playing fields, meeting spaces, and more.

The Williston Northampton School strives to be a responsible and integral member of the community of the City of Easthampton. This substantive civic support and involvement demonstrates a serious commitment on the part of the Williston Board of Trustees, the administration, and the school's employees. The school understands its efforts are important to



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many local organizations, the local economy, the City of Easthampton, and surrounding towns. We are grateful for the community's continued support and insight as Williston and the city continue their mutually supportive partnership.

Sincerely,

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Head of School

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Chief Financial Officer