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Mayor Tom Roach
Members of the White Plains Common Council
City Hall
255 Main Street
White Plains, NY 10601

Dear Mayor Roach & Members of the Common Council:

We are writing to inform you that The Business Council of Westchester (BCW) strongly supports the application submitted by the French-American School of New York (FASNY) which is on the agenda for the September 19th Common Council meeting.

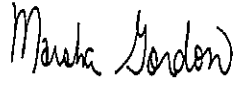
The BCW supports the project because we believe that it will help create strong economic development for both the city of White Plains and Westchester County. The latest economic impact studies states that building the new FASNY campus in the City of White Plains will generate \$14.3 million in annual economic benefits to businesses in White Plains and an additional \$22 million for business throughout Westchester County. The taxes generated by the sales of goods and services, property taxes, and mortgage recording taxes would net the City of White Plains and Westchester County approximately \$1.1 million each per year.

It is also important to note that the FASNY project would create 530 new construction jobs in Westchester County as well as an additional 317 jobs in support industries and businesses. In addition to those new jobs, FASNY will also be employing 232 full-time and part-time individuals. These new jobs will represent people coming to the City of White Plains on a daily basis which will have a positive impact on the city's economic base.

The BCW also appreciates the work that FASNY has done to address many of the quality of life issues that have been raised during this process. The plans that they have created to deal with those concerns shows us that FASNY will be solid responsible neighbors and partners for the city of White Plains.

On behalf of The Business Council of Westchester we urge the City of White Plains
Common Council to support the FASNY application.

Sincerely,



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President/CEO



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