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December 5, 2025

The Honorable Jason Hayes
Mayor of the City of Lexington
28 West Center Street
Lexington, NC 27292

RE: Dunbar High School, 301 Smith Avenue, Lexington, Davidson County

Dear Mayor Hayes:

Enclosed is a copy of the nomination for Dunbar High School, which is scheduled for presentation to the North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee on February 12, 2026. For more information about meeting details and updates on how to view the meeting, please visit the Secretary of State's Public Meeting Calendar at https://sosnc.gov/online_services/calendar/Search and search "National Register Advisory Committee."

As a Certified Local Government, you have sixty (60) days in which to comment on the proposed nomination. If you do not respond by February 11, 2026, regarding the proposed nomination, approval of it will be assumed. Please note that the Lexington Historic Preservation Commission is to provide an opportunity for public comment regarding this nomination according to the terms specified in the certification agreement the city signed with this office. A copy of your notice to the public should be forwarded to our office along with any comments that you, the Lexington City Council, or the Lexington Historic Preservation Commission wish to make regarding the nomination to satisfy federal and state requirements.

Please use the enclosed comment forms to send us the responses. If you have any questions concerning this nomination, we will be happy to help. Please direct any inquiries to our State Historic Preservation Office's National Register Coordinator, Jeff Smith, at jeff.smith@dncr.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darin J. Waters".

Darin J. Waters
State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc: Josh Monk, Planning & Development Services Manager – Lexington Historic Preservation Commission
Todd Yates, Chairman – Davidson County Commissioners



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CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE NATIONAL REGISTER

The federal and state guidelines for the Certified Local Government Program require that the CLGs participate in the process of nominating properties to the National Register of Historic Places. This participation involves the review of nominations within the jurisdiction of the CLG by the CLG Commission and the chief elected local official. Opportunity for public comment must be provided during the 60-day comment period. The commission and the chief elected official are required to submit comments to the State Historic Preservation Office and the owner of the property relaying their findings as to the eligibility of the property under consideration for listing in the National Register. The attached forms are provided for you to facilitate your review of nominations and your submittal of comments to the State Historic Preservation Office. A copy of the criteria for listing in the National Register is also enclosed for your reference and use.

Although the federal regulations governing the CLG program call for the chief elected local official to provide comments on proposed National Register nominations within the CLG jurisdiction, North Carolina law stipulates that the mayor or chairman of the board of county commissioners may act only in an administrative capacity on behalf of the local governing board. If a certified local government has doubts about the legality of the chief elected official assuming sole responsibility for comments on proposed National Register nominations, it may wish to consider two alternatives: 1) having the governing board review the nominations or 2) having the governing board pass a resolution granting the chief elected local official the authority to furnish comments on behalf of the governing board.

In order to fulfill the required comment procedures, please complete the information below and the appropriate comment paragraph that is attached after you have reviewed the nomination. This information should be returned to:

Jeff Smith, National Register Coordinator

State Historic Preservation Office

4617 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4617

COMMENTS ARE DUE IN THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE BY: **February 11, 2026**

1. Name of Certified Local Government: **City of Lexington**
2. Name of CLG Commission: **Lexington Historic Preservation Commission**
3. Property being reviewed for nomination: **Dunbar High School**
4. Please attach documentation of the measures taken to provide for public comment during the nomination review and a record of any comments received, as per your certification agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office.
5. In approving local governments for certification, the SHPO may have stipulated that the Commission obtain the services of professional historians, architectural historians, or archaeologists when reviewing National Register nominations if those disciplines are not represented in the Commission membership. If this stipulation applies to you, please note the name of the professional you consulted below and his/her appropriate field. If you have any questions about the applicability of this stipulation to your commission, contact Kristi Brantley, Certified Local Government Coordinator, State Historic Preservation Office at 919.814.6576.

THE CLG COMMISSION SHOULD COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:

A. We, the **Lexington Historic Preservation Commission**, have reviewed and discussed the nomination for **Dunbar High School** and find that the property **meets** the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as stated in Section 8 of the report. We, therefore, **recommend** that the property be submitted for listing in the Register.



Commission chair's signature and date

1-20-26

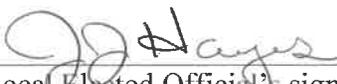
B. We, the **Lexington Historic Preservation Commission**, have reviewed and discussed the nomination for **Dunbar High School** and find that the property **does not meet** the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as stated in Section 8 of the report. We, therefore, **do not recommend** that the property be submitted for listing in the Register. The reasons for our findings concerning this nomination are stated below (use additional sheet if necessary).

Commission chair's signature and date

THE CHIEF ELECTED LOCAL OFFICIAL OR THE LOCAL GOVERNING BOARD SHOULD COMPLETE **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING COMMENT PARAGRAPHS:

C. I, **Mayor Jason Hayes**, or We, the **Lexington City Council**, have reviewed the nomination for **Dunbar High School** and find that the property **meets** the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as stated in Section 8 of the report. We, therefore, **recommend** that the property be submitted for listing in the Register.

Additional Comments:

 1/21/2026

Chief Local Elected Official's signature and date

D. I, **Mayor Jason Hayes**, or We, the **Lexington City Council**, have reviewed the nomination for **Dunbar High School** and find that the property **does not meet** the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as stated in Section 8 of the report. We, therefore, **do not recommend** that the property be submitted for listing in the Register. The reasons for my (or our) findings concerning this nomination are stated below (use additional sheet if necessary).

Additional comments:

Chief Local Elected Official's signature and date