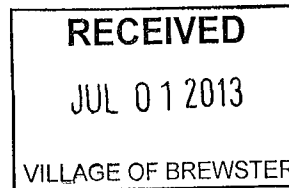# BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council
33 Airport Center Drive - #201
New Windsor, NY 12553

Dear Sir:

The Village of Brewster's Opportunity Area application has our enthusiastic support. The Opportunity Area designation is a key component of the Village's renaissance and will serve them well as they move forward to plan and implement positive change.
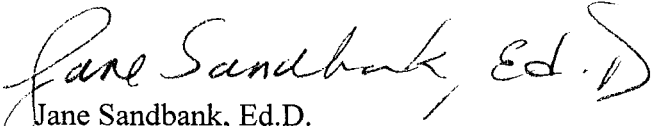
The Brewster Central School District has a vested interest in the revitalization of this historic village for many reasons, one of which is the adaptive reuse of the Garden Street School which was closed in June 2012.

Brewster with its older downtown needs Adaptive Reuse projects to help revitalize the community. The adaptive reuse of the Garden Street School project allows a community to keep its character while providing new business and/or residential opportunities for its citizens.

The Adaptive Reuse of the Garden Street School may also aid in the preservation of the Village of Brewster's heritage and history. The location of Garden Street School is ideal for creating an anchor project that can be a catalyst for the revitalization of the Main Street, connection to the train/mass transit system and enhancing the possibilities of building a walkable community. The Adaptive Reuse of the school also opens the possibilities of creating new jobs and economic development opportunities or the creation of either market rate or workforce housing.

The Brewster Central School District fully supports the Village of Brewster in theis positive transformation. Thank you for this opportunity to express our support for this application.

Sincerely,

Jane Sandbank, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Village Board

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