PLANNING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

Preparing Today. Preserving Tomorrow.

Understanding the District's property on Hecktown Road and how the current Lower Nazareth Township zoning ordinance impacts long-range planning for our students and families.

Why Prepare TODAY for Future Growth?

- Nazareth elementary schools are operating near capacity.
- Nazareth enrollment is projected to continue to grow over the next ten years.
- Existing Nazareth school properties have reached practical expansion limits due to land, septic, and core-space constraints.

Planning ahead is critical to maintain a quality education experience while responsibly managing cost to taxpayers.

925
new homes planned
over the next decade
**as of the Fall, 2025 PowerSchool Report*

502
additional students
projected by 2034
**as of the Fall, 2025 PowerSchool Report*

97%
elementary capacity used
**as of March 2025*

60%+
of new homes
in Lower Nazareth Township

What is the District's Property at Hecktown Road?

The District acquired a 43-acre tract at the southwest corner of the intersection of Hecktown Road and Country Club Road comprised of 5 parcels in Lower Nazareth Township. This property supports the District's long-range facilities plan. However, the Lower Nazareth Township zoning ordinance does not allow for a school facility on the Property.

Why was the Property chosen?

- Selected through a rigorous evaluation of 32 properties
- Located near projected growth areas
- Space for future education and community use
- Opportunity to preserve open green space
- Accessible to two roadways supporting safe and efficient access
- Responsible $1.7 million investment for purchase of 43-acres

What does the District Need?

Nazareth Area School District needs access to land and facilities to keep up with the growth of our Blue Eagle community. Nazareth remains a highly desirable area for families of school-aged children. By maintaining optimum class sizes and student-teacher ratios, we will help ensure future generations of students have the space needed to thrive.

This is one step in the District's long-range planning process. It helps preserve the flexibility for future Boards to respond to changing enrollment and community needs while ensuring that any future development of the property would require separate Board action, funding approval, land development review, and continued community engagement.

Learn more and stay engaged through the Nazareth Area School District building project webpage.

What is the District Asking Lower Nazareth Township to Do?

The current zoning ordinance of Lower Nazareth Township restricts where the District is permitted to locate school facilities. The Pennsylvania Public School Code gives the board of school directors broad authority to acquire property and determine the best location for schools. The District is requesting that a school be permitted as a use on the property.

What is the Next Step?

Lower Nazareth Township has granted the District a hearing on its request scheduled for ***September 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM.*** The District wants to hear from the public on this subject in advance of the hearing.

Join the Conversation!

Use the QR code below to ask questions and leave feedback. You are also invited to attend the September 15th hearing at the Lower Nazareth Township Municipal Building.

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Our Commitment!

The Board of School Directors and District Administration are committed to keeping our community informed throughout this planning process. We believe the best decisions are made when they are guided by facts, transparency, and meaningful community engagement.