



# News Release

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## Allentown School Board of Directors approves purchase of land as part of future facility plans

**Allentown, PA (January 12, 2017):** In a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, January 12, the Allentown School Board of Directors approved the purchasing of approximately 2.7 acres of land in the City of Allentown for \$1,075,000. The parcel of land (Lehigh County Pennsylvania Tax Parcel PIN 549771137794 1) is owned by Madison Gardens, P.C. and is located at 1227 West Gordon Street, Allentown.

“This land will be used for ASD future facility endeavors,” explains Dr. Gary R. Cooper, Interim Superintendent. “We will be holding a public meeting on January 21 to review and discuss a recent Facilities Assessment Report that includes current building assessments and the possibility of new buildings. This property, one of the last available in the City proper, will become part of the District’s new Facilities Plan.”

The Allentown School District and the School Board of Directors will hold a Public Facilities Assessment Meeting on Saturday, January 21, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in Trexler Middle School’s Auditorium to reveal and discuss findings from a recent Facilities Assessment. Trexler Middle School is located at 851 North 15th Street, Allentown

### **About Allentown School District**

ASD serves more than 17,000 students in a network of 22 early childhood, elementary, middle and high schools throughout the City of Allentown, PA. The District is the third largest urban school district out of 500 districts in the Commonwealth. The District’s Mission focuses on providing a safe, rigorous, and engaging educational experience that prepares *all* students to excel in learning and life to guide ASD students on their individual journey to realize their aspirations whether they be college, career or technical focus. ASD goals are aligned and compatible with the Pathways to Success Framework while providing a balanced education to all students. Allentown School District employs approximately 2,200 teachers, staff and administrators. The District, founded in 1866, serves students from 51 countries speaking 26 languages with nearly 90 percent of households qualifying as low income. ASD is committed to ensuring that all students have equal access to education programs and resources.

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