



PENNSYLVANIA'S STATE SYSTEM *of* HIGHER EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

March 4, 2024

The Honorable Brooke Wheeler
Chief Clerk
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
129 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

Please accept this letter as a request for a resolution to authorize the sale of property known as the former Philipsburg Elementary School located at 740-750 Orchard Street in the Borough of California, Washington County. On February 8, 2024, the Board of Governors of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) approved a request from Pennsylvania Western University, California Campus, of PASSHE to dispose of the property, subject to notification of and favorable resolution from the General Assembly.

The university acquired the property in 2009 with the intention of utilizing it as an educational facility. The university has assessed the physical space as part of financial sustainability planning. This facility is not in use and the facility is not required for future university needs.

The property totals approximately 0.79 of an acre. The building is a two-story former elementary school consisting of 17,680 square-foot. The property is recorded in Washington County, Deed Instrument Number 200907997 of April 1, 2009, and titled to California University of Pennsylvania of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, now recognized as Pennsylvania Western University, California Campus. An appraisal of the property has been conducted with an estimated value of \$350,000. Photographs and a location map for the properties are enclosed.

As required by Act 188 of 1982, this office requests that the required resolution to sell these properties be drafted and placed on the calendar for consideration by the General Assembly at the next opportunity. Questions concerning this request should be addressed to Ms. Jennifer Hoover, Director of Governmental Relations, at 717-720-4021.

Sincerely,

Daniel Greenstein
Chancellor

Enclosure

c: Majority Leader Matthew D. Bradford
Minority Leader Bryan Cutler
Majority Chair, Appropriations Committee, Rep. Jordan Harris
Minority Chair, Appropriations Committee, Rep. Seth Grove
Majority Chair, Education Committee, Rep. Peter Schweyer
Minority Chair, Education Committee, Rep. Jesse Topper
Rep. Bud Cook
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Rep. Tim Briggs, Board of Governors
Sharon Minnich, Executive Vice Chancellor
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West Elevation



Northeast Elevation



PW CAL Philipsburg Location Map