

CSIU approves lease at former Watontown school

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WATONTOWN — The Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) will continue to lease space at the former Watontown Elementary School building for at least two more years.

The CSIU board on Wednesday approved a lease agreement renewal with the Warrior Run School Dis-

trict to utilize 9,058-square-feet of classroom space in the former elementary school building at a cost of \$8 per square foot.

The cost represents an increase by \$1 per square foot over the rate that CSIU had been paying to lease the space during the 2018-2019 school year.

The renewal agreement takes effect July 1 and runs through June

30, 2021.

Programs operated by CSIU at Watontown include Northumberland Area Head Start, Pre-K Counts, Early Intervention and Five Star.

The Warrior Run School District school board previously approved the lease renewal, at its Dec. 17 meeting.

It was noted during the school board meeting that 115 students are currently attending CSIU programs at Watontown.

The Watontown Elementary School was closed at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Since that time, all students in kindergarten through third grade have been attending classes at Turbotville Elementary School, with fourth graders are being educated at the middle school.

The board is contemplating building a new elementary building on the grounds of the middle school/high school complex.