

NOTICE OF SALE OF SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Scranton School District, pursuant to the provisions of § 707(1) of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, 24 P.S. § 7-707(1), will expose at public auction the following described real estate, owned by the School District and determined to be unnecessary for school purposes:

Property Description:

The site of the former Samuel Morse School located at the corner of Farr Street and Sumner Avenue in West Scranton identified as tax map No. 14506-020-016 and more particularly described at Lackawanna County Recorder of Deeds Deed Bk. 357, Pg. 417. The property is approximately 0.968 acres (310'x136') in size and does not have a building on it.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale:

The property will be sold at public auction on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Shopland Hall of the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple located at 420 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503.

Terms and Conditions of Sale:

Prospective bidders must register for the auction in-person at the Lackawanna County Tax Claim Bureau.

Prospective bidders will be deemed ineligible to bid if the prospective bidder is delinquent in the payment of real estate taxes, is delinquent in the payment of municipal refuse or sewer fees, owns property in a condemned status, has had a landlord tenant license revoked, has over the last three (3) years permitted an uncorrected housing code violation to continue unabated after being convicted of such violation, owns property that exists in such a manner as to pose a threat to health, safety or property or otherwise fails to comply with the bidder vetting standards of the Lackawanna County Tax Claim Bureau.

The property will be sold to the highest bidder, but in no event for less than the fair market value as determined by independent appraisal, plus transfer tax and recording fees.

The minimum bid at the time of the auction will equal the sum of the fair market value as determined by an independent appraisal, plus transfer tax and recording fees.

The successful bidder shall, immediately at the fall of the auctioneer's hammer, pay the minimum bid via certified bank check, cashier's check or money order made payable to the Scranton School District. NO CASH, CREDIT CARDS or PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The balance of the purchase price, that being the amount in excess of the minimum bid after competitive bidding is concluded, must be paid no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 22, 2025, at Administration Office of the Scranton School District located at 425 North Washington Avenue,

Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503. Payment must be in the form of a cashier's check, certified bank check or money order made payable to the Scranton School District. NO CASH, CREDIT CARDS or PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The property will be conveyed by special warranty deed subject to all applicable zoning regulations, easements, and restrictions of record.

Transfer taxes and recording fees must be paid by the purchaser.

The School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to adjourn or cancel the sale in its discretion.

It is strongly recommended that prospective purchasers have an examination made of the title to the property and perform their own independent due diligence.

Additional information, including copies of the appraisal and legal description of the property, may be obtained from the Administration Office of the Scranton School District located at 425 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503, during regular business hours or through the Business Office page of the District's website www.scrsd.org.