

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 346 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY BRIGGS, MARCH 18, 2024

PRESENTED, MARCH 18, 2024

STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROPERTY REQUEST
NO. 1 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Authorizing the sale of property known as the former Philipsburg
2 Elementary School located at 740-750 Orchard Street in the
3 Borough of California, Washington County.

4 WHEREAS, On February 8, 2024, the Board of Governors of
5 Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE)
6 approved a request from Pennsylvania Western University,
7 California Campus, of PASSHE to dispose of the property, subject
8 to notification of and favorable resolution from the General
9 Assembly; and

10 WHEREAS, The university acquired the property in 2009 with
11 the intention of utilizing it as an educational facility; and

12 WHEREAS, The university has assessed the physical space as
13 part of financial sustainability planning; and

14 WHEREAS, The facility is not in use and is not required for
15 future university needs; and

16 WHEREAS, The property totals approximately 0.79 of an acre;
17 and

1 WHEREAS, The building is a two-story former elementary school
2 consisting of 17,680 square-foot; and

3 WHEREAS, The property is recorded in Washington County, Deed
4 Instrument Number 200907997 of April 1, 2009, and titled to
5 California University of Pennsylvania of the Pennsylvania State
6 System of Higher Education, now recognized as Pennsylvania
7 Western University, California Campus; and

8 WHEREAS, An appraisal of the property has been conducted with
9 an estimated value of \$350,000; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That State System of Higher Education Property
11 Request No. 1 of 2024, transmitted by the State System of Higher
12 Education under section 2018-A of the act of March 10, 1949
13 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, to the
14 General Assembly under date of March 4, 2024, be approved by the
15 House of Representatives authorizing the sale of property known
16 as the former Philipsburg Elementary School located at 740-750
17 Orchard Street in the Borough of California, Washington County.