

FOR SALE – NO MONEY DOWN!
Former Wilkinsburg High School
747 Wallace Avenue



The Wilkinsburg school board is spending our tax dollars to petition the Court of Common Pleas to approve transfer of title of 747 Wallace Avenue to a notorious “developer” who has lost every property he has owned to mortgage foreclosure or bankruptcy sale. In November, Bankruptcy Court Western PA District ordered the sale of his Wilkinsburg residential rental properties to a nonprofit organization, with taxes owed to the Borough of Wilkinsburg and to the School District cleared because the tax debt was higher than the value of the properties.

Despite this “developer” having a long history of stringing along mortgage lenders and finally not paying what he long promised to pay, the Wilkinsburg school board president and vice president are determined to “sell” the former high school to him with NO DOWN PAYMENT. This deal has been in the works since spring 2022. The sale has not happened for the simple reason—the “buyer” has no money, and where is the lender that will lend to him with his completely negative credit history? Most recently, he has abandoned his over-mortgaged former home in Wilkinsburg to foreclosure. The property 747 Wallace Avenue remains TAX EXEMPT, with cost of heating and insurance paid by the taxes we pay to the school district.

Send a written objection the nine members of the school board—
DO NOT EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL SALES AGREEMENT AGAIN!

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Homestead Borough has two former schools that are now converted to residential units and PAYING TAXES TO THEIR BOROUGH. The schools are former Bowtie High, 120 E 9th Ave, and the former Schwab Industrial School, 115 E 9th Ave. Schwab at approximately 30,000 sq ft seems to be about ¾ the size of the former Wilkinsburg High School and was built on a scale similar to our former high school. We can have a success like this if we can persuade our school board to stop its unexplained preference for a former Wilkinsburg resident who does not pay his Wilkinsburg real estate taxes or pay his real estate debts.

Video of the former Schwab Industrial School conversion

<https://www.cnbc.com/2023/12/02/schwab-pennsylvania-abandoned-school-apartment-building.html>

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