



# Public Hearing

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Proposed Closing of Oliver  
Heckman Elementary  
School

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# Why close Heckman?

The closure of Oliver Heckman Elementary School is part of an extensive Road Map plan already under way throughout the district to match building capacities with a student population that has declined considerably over the past 20 years. This plan also includes modernizing and increasing efficiency in the remaining school buildings to enhance comfort, efficiency and safety for all students and staff, while increasing educational resources without creating new burdens for the taxpayers of Neshaminy School District.

# Why Heckman?

- ◆ The building requires more extensive and costly renovations than other district elementary school buildings. These include energy-saving, HVAC, and security upgrades as well as possible ADA compliance upgrades such as an elevator.
- ◆ The new Tawanka Elementary School (scheduled August 2016 opening) was planned to absorb most or all of the student population from the Heckman receiving area.
- ◆ New Tawanka is in close proximity to neighborhoods currently served by Heckman, minimizing transportation challenges and costs.

# Questions to be answered

➤ **How will elementary school feeder patterns change as a result of this closing?**

Feeder plans will be examined with the goal of preserving the current historical and geographic patterns, which have students attending Maple Point Middle School.

➤ **Will all Heckman neighborhoods attend the new Tawanka Elementary School?**

Current scenarios under consideration call for most, if not all neighborhoods now served by Heckman to attend the new Tawanka Elementary School. These proposed scenarios will be presented at future School Board meetings for public display and comment.

➤ **Will bus transportation times increase significantly?**

A time and motion study conducted on Dec. 4, 2015 with a school bus run showed the longest bus ride from a current Heckman neighborhood to the new Tawanka Elementary School is 35 – 40 minutes, including all stops.

# Questions to be answered

## ➤ **What will happen to the closed building?**

The District will seek to maximize usage and revenue from the building through a lease or sale under the direction of the School Board. The district will continue to maintain the building until a sale or lease is completed and other arrangements for maintenance are made.

## ➤ **What will happen if Heckman remains open?**

The Road Map was implemented with the closure of three existing elementary school buildings in mind, one of which has already been closed. Should one or both buildings currently proposed for closure not be closed, the district will face costly inefficiencies due to underutilization of school buildings. In addition, Oliver Heckman Elementary School would require significant investment in renovation to bring it up to modern standards of efficiency, comfort and safety should it remain open.



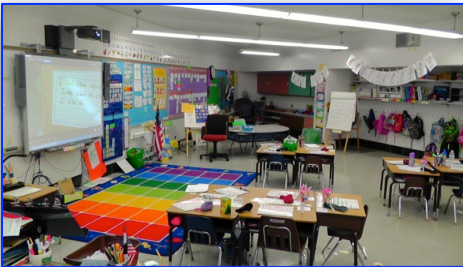
# Oliver Heckman Elementary School

Maple Avenue at Cherry Street  
Langhorne, PA 19047

Oliver Heckman Elementary School was constructed in 1966. It has not had any major renovations or expansion since that time. Three modular classrooms are currently in use.

It is a two-story building with rooms arranged in geometrical patterns. The library / media center is located on the second floor, and the building has a combined gymnasium / cafeteria / auditorium.

The current student population is 381, which makes Heckman the smallest school in Neshaminy School District. It is located near the center of Langhorne Borough.



**Site Size**  
18 acres

**Building size**  
54,200 sq. ft.

**Construction date**  
1966

**Last renovation / expansion**  
N/A

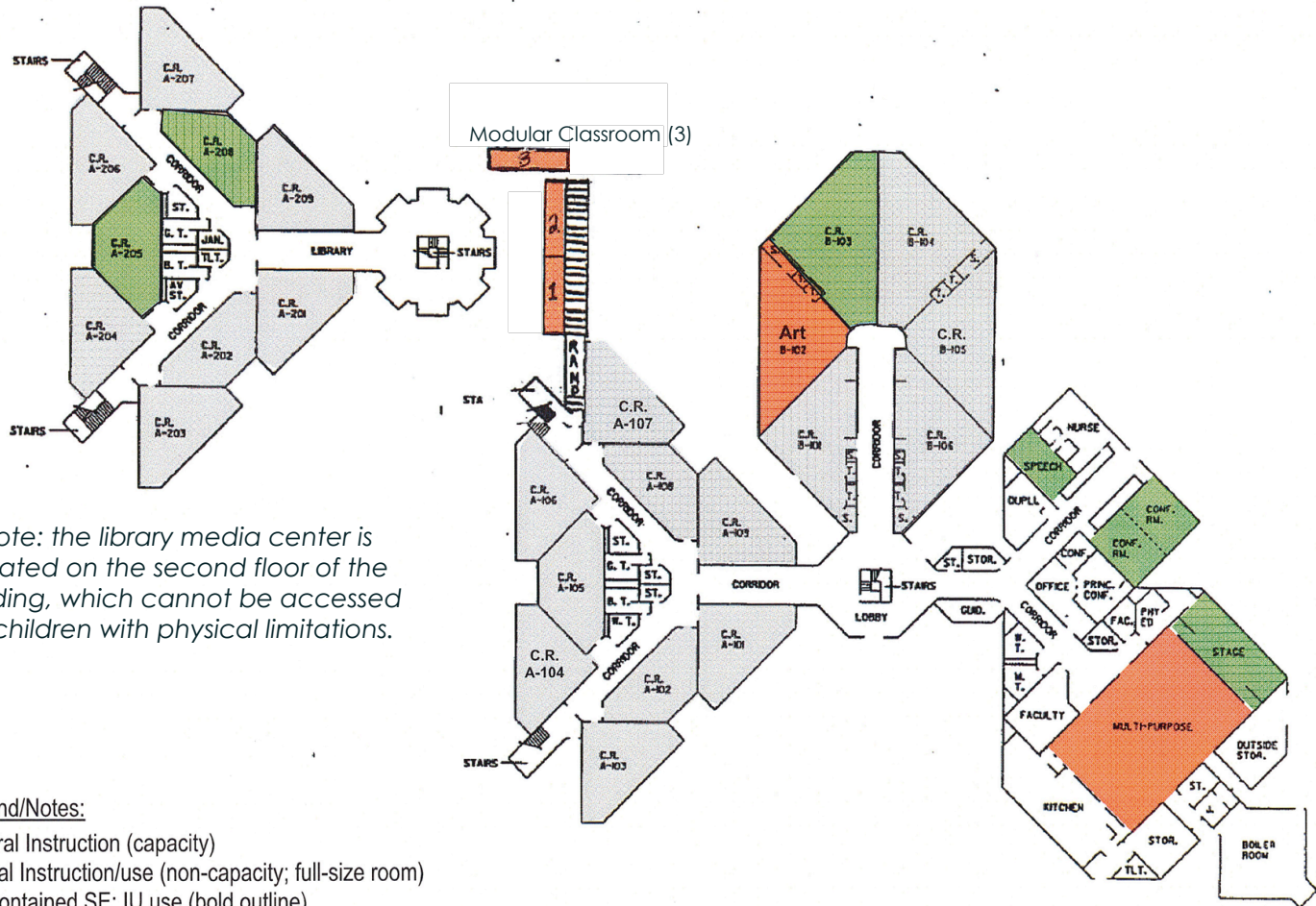
**PDE regular capacity**  
546

**Max practical capacity**  
591



## Heckman Elementary School

## Floor Plan



*Note: the library media center is located on the second floor of the building, which cannot be accessed by children with physical limitations.*

Legend/Notes:

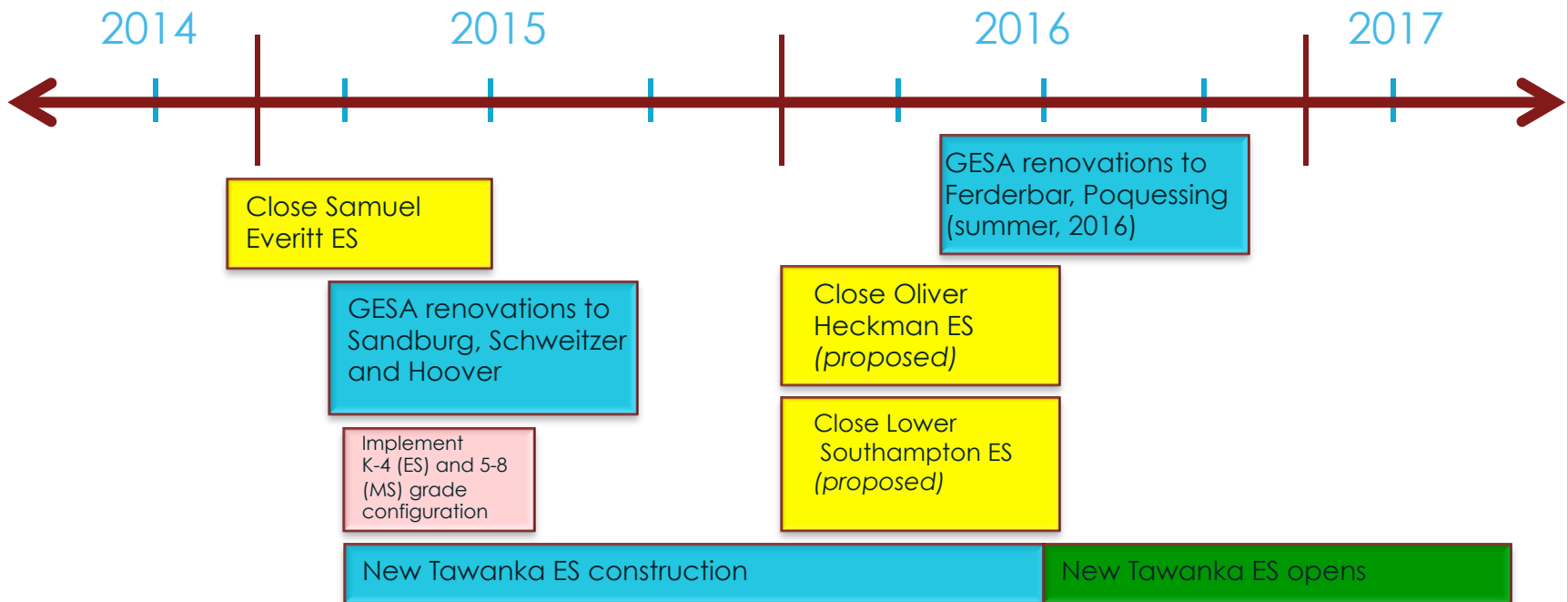
- General Instruction (capacity)
- Special Instruction/use (non-capacity; full-size room)
- Self-contained SE; IU use (bold outline)
- Small Group/Specialized/Resource Special Ed
- Other



## Neshaminy School District Consolidation and Improvement Goals

- ◆ Capture consolidation savings as soon as possible
- ◆ Upgrade facilities across the district
- ◆ Maximize improvements; minimize costs
- ◆ Minimize disruption to operations

# Neshaminy School District Road Map timeline





## District-wide K-4 enrollment

YEAR	K	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
2008	427	723	616	646	636	3048
2009	449	630	655	635	669	3038
2010	489	653	594	653	635	3024
2011	510	699	627	605	661	3102
2012	505	707	641	626	617	3096
2013	515	659	667	637	641	3119
2014*	585	630	666	684	654	3219
2015	599	643	642	671	691	3246

*\* The total enrollment in 2014 and 2015 reflects an expansion of the kindergarten population due to the addition of a full-day kindergarten program in 2014.*

## Renovation estimates

	Heckman ES
GSF	54,200
<b>Cost/GSF PlanCon Renov.</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>
<b>Net Cost Low Case</b>	<b>\$ 8,130,000</b>
<b>Sitework Allowance</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>
<b>Subtotal Renovation</b>	<b>\$ 8,380,000</b>
<b>Soft Cost with Mods.</b>	<b>\$ 2,933,000</b>
<b>Soft Cost</b>	<b>\$ 11,313,000</b>

	Heckman ES
GSF	54,200
<b>Cost/GSF PlanCon Renov.</b>	<b>\$ 170</b>
<b>Net Cost High Case</b>	<b>\$ 9,214,000</b>
<b>Sitework Allowance</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>
<b>Subtotal Renovation</b>	<b>\$ 9,464,000</b>
<b>Soft Cost with Mods.</b>	<b>\$ 3,312,400</b>
<b>Soft Cost</b>	<b>\$ 12,776,400</b>

*Note: This estimate is limited to replacement of building systems such as HVAC, electrical, plumbing, life safety, roofing and repairs of deferred maintenance items. This estimate specifically excludes replacement of the three existing modular classrooms, programmatic enhancements, sprinkler installation and complete ADA upgrades. Also, this estimate does not include inflationary costs from August, 2014 (the date it was developed) to the intended date of work.*

*This estimate includes phased construction and the use of temporary classrooms for an occupied renovation.*