

HELP US BUILD OUR DRAGONS' DEN

A Campaign to Provide Refreshments & Restrooms for our Athletes & Fans

Objective:

To construct the Dragons' Den, a facility that contains public restrooms, concessions, a training room, and storage on the Lewisburg Area High School (LAHS) campus for student athletes, their families, and the entire community.

Background:

In 2016, the Lewisburg Area School District (LASD) constructed its new high school in Kelly Township. Due to the fiscal approach by the district to keep its commitment to build the



school without increasing taxes to pay for its construction and keeping its annual debt payments at the same level, it was decided the athletic fields would be built as funds become available, rather than taking on additional debt. School taxes were not increased to construct the new school. The economic impact of the ongoing Covid pandemic has limited the availability of funds for construction of athletic facilities.

Among the 17 schools in the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU), Lewisburg receives the least amount (\$1,936 per student) of basic education funding or state funding per pupil (see chart on the next page).

Every School District in the CSIU (Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit)	2019-2020 State BEF (Basic Education Funding) Subsidy	2019-2020 Ave. Daily Membership (the # of students educated)	Funding Per Student
Millville Area SD	\$ 4,205,782	693	\$ 6,070
Mount Carmel Area SD	\$ 8,760,933	1,555	\$ 5,635
Line Mountain SD	\$ 6,410,441	1,149	\$ 5,579
Shamokin Area SD	\$ 12,738,514	2,328	\$ 5,473
Berwick Area SD	\$ 15,022,542	2,993	\$ 5,020
Benton Area SD	\$ 3,416,139	714	\$ 4,787
Milton Area SD	\$ 9,500,238	2,039	\$ 4,660
Shikellamy SD	\$ 13,048,756	3,047	\$ 4,283
Warrior Run SD	\$ 6,498,167	1,528	\$ 4,253
Mid-West SD	\$ 9,146,123	2,185	\$ 4,186
Mifflinburg Area SD	\$ 8,092,111	2,064	\$ 3,920
Bloomsburg Area SD	\$ 6,004,343	1,681	\$ 3,571
Southern Columbia Area SD	\$ 4,784,908	1,343	\$ 3,563
Central Columbia SD	\$ 6,682,434	1,969	\$ 3,393
Danville Area SD	\$ 7,529,591	2,434	\$ 3,093
Selinsgrove Area SD	\$ 8,015,620	2,686	\$ 2,984
Lewisburg Area SD	\$ 3,782,297	1,954	\$ 1,936

Source: Lewisburg Area School District and the PDE (Pennsylvania Dept. of Education) website.

The high school educates more than 600 students annually with 60% of students participating in at least one of its 23 varsity or junior varsity athletic programs.



Through the years, LAHS athletic programs have had a rich history of district, league and state championship titles. **During the 2020-2021 school year**, the:

- The boys cross country team earned the PIAA AA state championship title.
- The boys soccer team earned the PIAA AA state championship title.
- The girls and boys track & field teams won District IV championship titles.
- The boys golf team won the District IV championship title.
- The boys lacrosse team won the District IV championship title.

The Need:



While the beautiful new school provides wonderful academic opportunities for its students, it lacks adequate facilities to match the quality of its athletic programs. Since 2016, the district has partnered with North Union United Soccer Club (NUU) to construct the soccer and lacrosse turf field and with The Green Dragon Foundation (GDF) to develop Brandon Kramm Memorial Field for baseball. Our student athletes are very fortunate to compete at these new fields, however the complex lacks restrooms and a concession stand for them and their spectators.

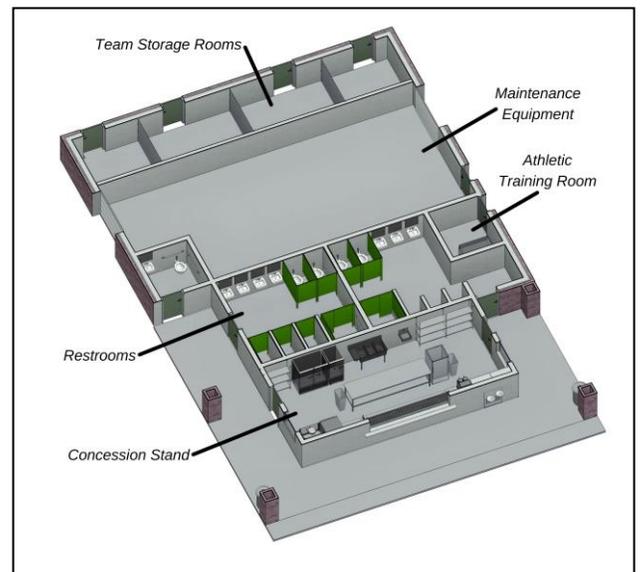
To support our student athletes, their families, and our community, the Dragons' Den needs to be constructed at the high school complex. **It is essential that the building include restroom facilities for convenience and comfort.**

The Project:

To construct the Dragons' Den facility between the high school turf field and Brandon Kramm Memorial Field.

This project would provide:

- Support for multiple sports (baseball, soccer, lacrosse, cross country, and eventually softball and tennis).
- Access to refreshments for athletes and spectators.
- A source of revenue for the Lewisburg Green Dragon Sports Booster Club through concession sales.
- On-site options for injury prevention and care.
- Much-needed maintenance equipment storage space.
- The opportunity for LASD to host post-season contests (e.g. district playoffs).
- Enhanced team and spectator morale.
- A quality athletic facility that matches the quality of the high school and the caliber of its athletic teams.
- A necessary resource for community athletic programs like NUU soccer and Lewisburg's adult tennis league.



How You Can Help...

One of the goals of GDF is to match donors' interest with opportunities that exist at LASD. Recognizing your interest and commitment to education and athletic programs, GDF is asking for your support to:

- Construct the Dragons' Den facility at the high school and
- Enhance district-wide educational opportunities through its Annual Fund.



With Your Support...

The Dragons' Den can become a reality! Our fundraising goal is to raise **\$525,000**; your support will help us get there! Additionally, your gift would provide enhanced educational opportunities for every student in the district through the GDF Annual Fund.

You would be helping to change the lives of children for generations to come, here in our own community and beyond as Lewisburg graduates go on to change the world. Please join us in strengthening LASD by supporting this transformational opportunity for our high school students and confirming our community's long-term commitment to education and the excellence of our schools.

A gift from you becomes an investment in our children, our future and in the Lewisburg community. Thank you!

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