

**News Release**  
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## **Local One-Room Schoolhouse listed on National Register of Historic Places**

In 1966, the National Park Service established the National Register of Historic Places *to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources*. The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. The Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse, located in Lower Saucon Township, has just been accepted for inclusion on this list. The Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse is a remarkably intact one-room stone schoolhouse that reflects the 19th century "progressive period" of educational history in rural Pennsylvania.

Listing in the National Register contributes to preserving historic properties in a number of ways:

1. Recognition that a property is of significance to the nation, the state, or the community.
2. Consideration in the planning for federal or federally assisted projects.
3. Eligibility for federal tax benefits.
4. Qualification for federal assistance for historic preservation, when funds are available.

The Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse is a property of the Lower Saucon Township Authority. The township partners with the Lower Saucon Township Historical Society to maintain the property. The Historical Society provides lessons about education in a local country schoolhouse for Lehigh Valley school districts. Area students can spend a few hours experiencing a living history classroom. The students sit at desks that were once used in the one-room schoolhouses of Lower Saucon as they are instructed in curriculum authentic to the time period. The building did not have running water and electricity was not installed until the 1950s. Lighting was supplied by the ten large windows.

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