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# Dublin City Schools buys nearly 100 acres of land for \$6.7 million

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Dublin City Schools has purchased nearly 100 acres of land, the largest purchase in the district's history.

The district paid about \$6.7 for the land acquisition, at Industrial Parkway and Mitchell DeWitt Road along U.S. Route 33 in Plain City. The property 2.5 miles from Dublin Jerome High School.



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An aerial view of the land Dublin City Schools bought.



The district has not yet determined the exact use for the land, said Erick Starkey, public information officer for the district.

"We are keeping this land kind of in our back pocket, so that we can be flexible should we need it," Starkey said.

This is common practice for the district, Starkey said. Dublin City Schools held the land where Hopewell Elementary now stands for about 30 years.

"Having this land for the district will help our students and families at some point in the future," Superintendent Dr. John Marschhausen said in a media release.

Andy Dutcher, NAI Ohio Equities, represented Dublin City Schools in the assemblage of the three contiguous parcels. Each parcel was owned by a member of the Scott family, which had held the farmland for decades, he said.

The acreage is in the northwest corner of the district's boundaries.

"It is difficult to find land in that area," Dutcher told *Columbus Business First*. "There has been so much growth in Dublin, they could easily use this if they foresee the need for another school down the road."

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