Nazareth Elementary to move, making way for new charter school

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After 101 years at its Lake Avenue campus, Nazareth Elementary School will relocate in the fall to new space at the former Sacred Heart Cathedral School on Flower City Park, with a new charter school taking its place.

The current Nazareth school, serving prekindergarten through sixth grade, is what remains of the former Nazareth Academy, first opened in Rochester in 1871, and located at 1001 Lake Ave. since 1916.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Rochester, who run Nazareth, sold that property in 2015 to the Education Success Network, which controls the Norman Howard School, the tutoring company En-Compass: Resources for Learning, Discovery Charter School and, most recently, Exploration Elementary Charter School for Science and Technology, which is opening its doors in the fall.

“Though Nazareth’s address is changing, please be assured that our staff, our mission, and our programs will not,” the Sisters of Saint Joseph said in a statement. “This exceptional academic and faith based education will continue at our new location, providing the Rochester community with a nurturing educational environment that embraces children and families of all faiths and ethnicities.”

Exploration was approved to open in 2016-17 but delayed for one year. It will be the 12th charter school in the Rochester area next year.

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The Nazareth Elementary building on Lake Avenue in Rochester, seen in 2010.

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