

Coram Deo Academy

Classical Education in the Presence of God

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Letter of Intent and Timeline for Campus Development

Coram Deo Academy leaders identified purchase and development of a campus in the Flower Mound area as one of three strategic goals in a planning document dated August 2004. The other two goals included qualitative development through accreditation and continued enrollment growth. Now, CDA is on the cusp of each goal. In April CDA entered candidate status with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools anticipating accreditation by the fall of 2006. The Academy anticipates over twenty percent growth and a new Dallas school location for the 2006-2007 academic year. Coram Deo purchased of The Church at Wichita Creek Flower Mound campus July 22, 2005 opened a Lower School there several weeks later. CDA plans to add facilities for grades seven through twelve and administration to the site summer 2006. Sola Dei Gloria.

Founded in 1999, Coram Deo Academy is an independent K-12 day school educating youth in a historic Christian worldview through a rigorous classical curriculum. Students study Latin, English, Spanish, logic, rhetoric, math, science, theology, apologetics and the arts and revel athletics. Most students study on the school campus under professional instruction one half time and complete their assignments at home under parental tutelage the other one half time. 750 students attend CDA in the 2005-2006 school year from 500 families, which almost 170 different churches in 45 DFW municipalities. Of the 500 students attending the Flower Mound area campus (the school operates a Carrollton campus as well) over 50% live in the immediate Flower Mound area and under 50% commute from areas within about 20 minutes. The Academy program brings an important educational and cultural option to the Flower Mound area. Some families have moved from other parts of the Metroplex to locate closer to the school their children attend and to enjoy the benefits of the beautifully developing Town.

Coram Deo Academy plans phased development of its new fifteen-acre wooded campus to accommodate a K-12 school with 600-900 students/staff on the site each day in three separate schools at ultimate development. Summer 2005 CDA performed necessary improvements to move its lower school operation to the site for classes beginning fall 2005 (128 students per day) and plans for the upper school to move from Highland Village summer 2006 after the addition of temporary classroom buildings (an additional 128 students per day). A capital campaign will begin in 2006 to support progressive construction of the master plan which includes additional classroom buildings for occupancy no later than 2009 (facilitates removal of temporary buildings) followed by a expanded gymnasium, high school building, library, administrative, and theatre complex, and outdoor recreation fields over time. Consistent with its educational philosophy the Academy will develop a build environment that teaches its users about creation, mass, energy and stewardship.

Probable Timeline for Wichita Trails Campus Development

Summary

Summer

2005 Purchase and move lower school to new campus (128 students)

2006 Install temporary buildings and move upper school to new campus (256 students)

Begin three year capital campaign to support new construction

2007/8 Begin construction of new classroom building and renovation/expansion of gymnasium/auditorium

2008/9 Move into new and expanded buildings and remove temporary buildings

2010 Begin construction of next phase of campus development to include additional classrooms, administration, library, theatre and athletic facilities

2012 Move into next phase

More Detailed Timeline

2005

April Coram Deo Academy and The Church at Wichita Creek sign Letter of Intent to sell/purchase church campus on Wichita Trails in Flower Mound

June Sign purchase contract, bid improvements

July Close on purchase

July-August Site and building improvements to include replacement of septic system with sewer connection, building upgrades to assure code compliance and remodel to enlarge classrooms for school use (no actual building expansion)

Sept Move Flower Mound Lower School (K-6) to the new campus

Fall Select Trent Clark and Crownrich Companies as design/build firm to provide master planning, architectural design and construction services. Provide illustrative conceptual designs

Fall Conduct capital campaign feasibility study to determine fund raising parameters in conjunction with a development consultant.

2006

Year long Silent phase of three year comprehensive capital campaign to raise funds for campus development

Winter Proceed with campus master planning including meetings with Town officials about the site plan and elevations

Summer Obtain permit to place temporary buildings on site to accommodate grades 7-12 and main school administration. Landscape to blend with site. Remove buildings and transplant landscape materials summer of 2009 upon completion of new classroom facility.

- Building 1 Currently installed classroom building
- Buildings 3 and 4 each with about 5 classrooms

Fall	CDA K-12 Flower Mound school begins 2006-2007 school year on one campus
Fall-Winter	Architects complete comprehensive site plan with floor plans and elevations for presentation to Town of Flower Mound for approval
Fall	Public phase of capital campaign begins
2007 or 2008	
Year long	Continue public capital campaign for campus development
Winter	Construction documentation and Town approval for first phase of construction
Winter-Spring	Project bidding & permitting
Summer	Begin construction of new classroom facility and gymnasium/auditorium renovation/expansion
2008 or 2009	
Year long	Continue capital campaign for campus development
Spring	Complete new classroom facility and gymnasium/auditorium renovation/expansion
Summer	Remove temporary buildings and move into new classroom facility
Fall	New building dedication