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Lake Country Classical Academy Receives Nonprofit Status and Moves Forward with Plans for 2021 Opening

Delafield, WI, November 25, 2019 — Lake Country Classical Academy (LCCA) – a new, K-12 charter school offering a classical education in the liberal arts and sciences with a focus on character development — recently received approval to operate as a 501(c)(3) organization. This nonprofit status will allow individuals, businesses and foundations to make tax-deductible donations to help LCCA’s mission.

“LCCA will not receive state funding as a public school until it becomes operational in the fall of 2021; therefore, donations are needed sooner than later for start-up costs,” said Kristina Vourax, LCCA Founder and Board Secretary. “There are many items that need to be paid for prior to opening our doors, and we need the community’s support to make our dream of LCCA a reality by providing funding for our school building and our principal’s salary.”

Although LCCA’s original plans called for a fall of 2020 opening, its start date has been moved to the fall of 2021 to allow adequate time for securing a location and hiring a school principal and staff, along with marketing and fundraising activities. “We are making progress towards authorization,” Vourax said. “We plan to have our charter in place by next spring. Moving our start date to 2021 will ensure a strong opening and LCCA’s long-term success.”

LCCA will initially open as a K-9 school and will expand by one grade each year until serving grades K-12 by 2024. LCCA will be a public, tuition-free charter school, open to anyone who would like to apply regardless of location or income. Although a school location has not been finalized, LCCA will be located somewhere within the northwestern corner of Waukesha County, also known as Lake Country. An exact school location will be determined in the coming months.

LCCA is working towards recognition as an affiliate school of the Hillsdale College Barney Charter School Initiative (BCSI). Hillsdale College has assisted LCCA in the preparation of its academic program and charter application and hopes to assist LCCA in creating and implementing challenging, engaging academic programs, as well as in providing the teacher training that will serve as the foundation for a liberal arts and civic education. This curriculum emphasizes the core disciplines of math, science, history, and language arts, with significant attention to music, art, and foreign languages.

The BCSI learning model has already seen substantial success throughout the United States, with 22 affiliate schools currently serving more than 11,000 students across the country. LCCA hopes to be the first BCSI affiliate school in Wisconsin and the only fully K-12 public classical charter school (by 2024) in the state.

To follow LCCA's progress, including future details on its location and enrollment process, visit LCCA's website and follow the Lake Country Classical Academy page on Facebook. Tax-deductible donations may be made online at lakecountryclassical.org, or by mailing a check made out to "LCCA," P.O. Box 252, Wales, WI 53118.

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