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Lake Country Classical Academy Now Accepting Enrollment Applications! *Bart Williams Selected as LCCA's Principal*

OCONOMOWOC, Wis. (Jan. 7, 2021) — Lake Country Classical Academy (LCCA) — a new tuition-free charter school opening in Oconomowoc in September 2021 — is now accepting applications for K - 9th grade students for the 2021-2022 school year. LCCA anticipates enrolling approximately 350 kindergarten - 9th grade students its first year, and the school will expand by one grade each year until fully serving grades K - 12 by 2024.

The current enrollment period will close at 5 p.m. on January 31. If more students apply than seats available, a lottery will be conducted on Feb. 1, and families will be notified by noon on Feb. 1. An additional enrollment period(s) may be offered in February/March if openings are still available. To submit an application(s) for your child/children, and to learn more about LCCA's enrollment process, visit the school's website, www.lakecountryclassical.org/parents.

Families interested in applying are invited to attend a Meet & Greet with LCCA's new principal, Bart Williams, on Tuesday, January 12 between 4 and 6 p.m. at the school's location, 995 S. Sawyer Road (Hwy 18 & Sawyer Road) in Oconomowoc. For families unable to make the Jan. 12 Meet & Greet, the LCCA Board will be offering additional "Tuesday Tours" in January at the school (Jan. 19 & 26) from 4 – 6 p.m.

LCCA is pleased to announce the appointment of Bart Williams as its inaugural principal. Williams will be responsible for the start-up and general management of all school operations, including academic, financial, facilities, personnel, and regulatory requirements, and ensuring a successful school launch in September 2021.

"Bart has already proven himself as a valuable member of the LCCA Board as our treasurer, and he shares our vision and passion for LCCA," said Kristina Vourax, LCCA Board President & Founder. "His experience in education and finance, combined with more than 15 years of leadership and management

experience, make Bart the ideal school leader for LCCA. The LCCA Board is confident that he will successfully hire strong teachers and staff, and will ensure that the school is ready to open its doors to students this coming September.”

Williams participated in a rigorous and nationwide principal search led by the board at LCCA, along with a number of other strong candidates for the position. He was also interviewed and recommended by the Barney Charter School Initiative (BCSI) team at Hillsdale College, an organization with a successful track record in supporting classical charter schools around the country. BCSI will be assisting LCCA in creating and implementing challenging and engaging academic programs, as well as providing teacher training that will serve as the foundation for a liberal and civic education. This classical curriculum emphasizes the core disciplines of history, math, science, and language arts, including phonics and writing, with significant attention to music, art, and foreign language. Each of these disciplines will be taught with an emphasis on the history and traditions of American citizens as the inheritors of Western civilization. The BCSI learning model has already seen substantial success throughout the United States, with more than 20 affiliate schools currently serving over 12,000 students across the country. LCCA will be the first BCSI affiliate school in the state of Wisconsin.

For more information about LCCA visit www.lakecountryclassical.org.

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