



OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD

September 26, 2006

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday September 19th, the Omaha Christian Academy Association held its Semi-annual meeting. At that meeting we talked about the future of OCA. Along with conducting the normal business of the Association, we discussed a future permanent home for OCA, including the possibility of purchasing land on the North West side of Omaha. A related topic discussed was how we could fund a land purchase.

The land we are currently considering is at the intersection of 96th and State streets, and has a purchase price of just over one million dollars. While that is a big number, the real challenge lies in the much larger cost of someday putting a building on a piece of land. To build a building, our need is great, however, our God really is greater, and He can supply our need.

A decision to buy land would have an impact on every family at OCA for several years to come, and everyone has the opportunity to be involved in this decision. We would need to borrow money to make this purchase, and any borrowing must be approved by the Association. Borrowing to buy land has the advantages of securing a favorable location and of being a tangible point of hope for the future. A disadvantage is the cost of payments including interest.

Our records show that there are currently 78 Association members. My estimate is that there are about 200 families who have children at OCA. Clearly most families are not part of the Association.

To further discuss this land purchase, and actually vote on the question of whether we should proceed with a purchase at this time, a special Association meeting has been scheduled. We will meet at OCA on October 9th at 7:00. Please plan to join the Association, attend the meeting and vote regarding this important matter. We are trying to arrange for child care for this meeting. Please continue to watch the News and Notes for updates and more information.

We will be posting more information about the this matter on the Sycamore Education page. Please watch the documents section, where a summary of issues, questions, and answers will be posted next week.

Finally, please pray for OCA, the administration, teachers, staff, and board as well as the Association. Pray that God will lead us all in the direction He wants us to go, and that we will be quiet enough to listen to Him.

Thank you,

Keith Strasser