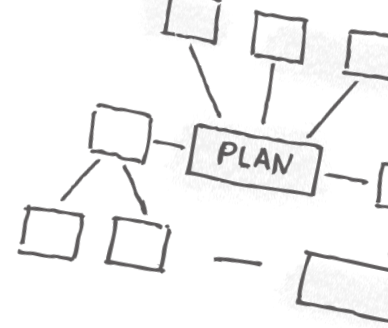


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# CAMPUS UNIFICATION

## BIG NEWS!

We are uniting our three campuses: Locust Grove and New Danville on the 90+ acre Lancaster Campus on Lincoln Highway in the Fall of 2022!

Renovations are already underway for the new elementary and middle school, new playgrounds, science labs, outdoor learning, makerspaces and more!



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## PLANS TO UNIFY GRADES PREK-12TH IN ONE LOCATION AT THE 90+ ACRE LANCASTER CAMPUS ON LINCOLN HIGHWAY

We want to share some exciting news with you! On February 12, 2021, the LM School Board and Administration announced in Town Hall meetings to faculty, staff, and families that we will be uniting our three campuses: Locust Grove and New Danville on the Lancaster Campus (Lincoln Highway) beginning in the 2022-23 school year.

The impact of changing demographics, combined with aging school facilities, increased school choice, historical debt, changes in churches and conferences, and declining international attendance caused the Board to wrestle with the question of the best future for LM for the past several years.

Board Chair, Kathy Beiler, said, ***"We are excited to announce that we have envisioned a campus where we can bring the best of our school together for every student. It will make the most effective use of our space with expanded programming, outdoor education, and a shared curriculum. Uniting teachers and programs will allow us to collaborate and educate our students together."***

### Facility Plans & Renovations

The finer details have not yet been determined, but here are the plans

that we can share with you now:

**Grades PreK-5th:** Elementary students will be located in the Rutt Building with two elementary streams - one English track and one Spanish Immersion track. Rutt is the newest building on campus (2008) and is filled with natural light, tall ceilings, beautiful common areas and will include a new makerspace, library and playgrounds.

**Grades 6-8th:** Middle school students will be located in the newly renovated lower level of the '64 education building.

**Grades 9-12th:** High school students will move to a newly renovated 2nd floor of the '64 education building and the south end of the lower level with larger classrooms. New science labs will be built in the current media center space, and there will be a new space for the media center, yet to be determined. The Family and Consumer Science department will move to newly renovated classrooms on the second floor of the Book Building.

A beautiful new playground space will also be built off the west side of the Rutt Building. There will be a new pick-up and drop-off lane created off of Greenland Drive at the west side of the Rutt Building for the elementary students.





There is plenty of room to accommodate all grades at the 90+ acre Lancaster campus, along with room for expansion, and it will provide the opportunity to reimagine and remodel existing buildings to accommodate the unique needs of each grade level.

More information: [lancastermennonite.org/future-together](http://lancastermennonite.org/future-together)

***"Lancaster Mennonite is fiscally healthy and strong, and we are putting this plan in place to remain healthy. Allocating our resources in a united and updated campus will benefit our entire student body and staff," said Beiler.***

### What are the Next Steps?

The sale of the two campuses will provide for a stronger and more sustainable future by paying down debt and building the endowment. Some of the proceeds will also go toward renovations and development of the Lancaster Campus so that we can serve all students more effectively. We also anticipate launching a

capital campaign to help fund exciting program expansions and facility upgrades. Your support of this campaign will provide all LM students with high quality Christ-centered education in enhanced facilities for many years into the future. We look forward to sharing more about this with you soon!

### Questions

This is an exciting transition for Lancaster Mennonite! If you have questions or concerns, you can direct them to the following individuals:

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- **Kathy Beiler, LM Board Chair:** [beilerkr@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:beilerkr@lancastermennonite.org)

### Invitation to Prayer

There is a year before this transition takes place, and there are still many details to be figured out. In the meantime we ask that you join us in prayer together over the next year for LM faculty and staff and families during the planning and transition phase.

## RENOVATIONS: IN PROGRESS AND TO COME

### '64 Wing Updates

Updates completed during Phase 1:

- Air conditioning, new ceilings, lighting, and updated technology
- New smart projectors (2nd floor)
- Created two new large classrooms
- New blinds...and more!

Planned Phase 2 updates include:

- Renovated bathrooms (including additional ADA compliant stalls)
- Updated classroom furniture
- New smart projectors (1st floor)
- New flooring...and more!

These renovations will transform the '64 Wing into an enhanced facility that is healthy and productive for student learning, cost effective, and versatile.

Total gifts and pledges towards project: \$1,528,658

An anonymous donor has generously provided a Match Challenge Fund of \$950,000 towards this project. We still have \$419,177 remaining to meet this match challenge - can we count on you to close the gap?



### Campus Unification NEW Features by Fall 2022

#### Elementary Classroom Building (Rutt Building)

- Classroom upgrades to make spaces appropriate for PreK-5th
- Add bathrooms between classrooms for PreK & Kindergarten
- New MakerSpace
- New Playgrounds
- New Elementary Offices for Principal and Admin Assistant
- New driveway and gates to improve security and traffic flow



(Above image) Example idea for new elementary classrooms in the Rutt Building.

#### Middle School and High School ('64 Education Classroom Building)

See above '64 wing updates, plus:

- New Offices at the front of campus
- New Science Labs in the former Media Center
- New Family & Consumer Science rooms in the G. Parke Book Building
- New Media Center

**Want all the updates as we go?** Email Jon Heinly to be added to the update list: [heinlyjd@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:heinlyjd@lancastermennonite.org)

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