



# LIGHT *the Future*



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**LANCASTER MENNONITE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**





# OUR FUTURE IS Together

## LETTER FROM LM BOARD CHAIR

Dear friends,

Lancaster Mennonite School is embarking on a new and exciting journey in the fall of 2022 that will strengthen our school and increase the impact we have on our students for many years to come.

The Board of Directors regularly looks at how Lancaster Mennonite (LM) can best prepare students for life in our complex world while also stewarding our resources and maximizing the use of our campuses and facilities. Over the past few years, the answers to these questions led to the decision to unify all three of our campuses, bringing New Danville and Locust Grove students onto the campus at Lincoln Highway East. **Beginning in the fall of 2022, the Lancaster campus will be home to every PreK-12th grade student at Lancaster Mennonite.**

We are excited about the opportunities this will present for **increased interaction between students of different grade levels and strengthened initiatives in faith integration, outdoor education, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math), world languages, music, drama and art.** We know our families are excited about this as well! Though changes are needed to the physical space, they will allow us to **maximize the use of our facility and staff resources.**



In addition to the renovations required to ensure our facilities serve the needs of students of every age, **some of our most loved campus spaces are in need of renewal** as we expect increased usage in the coming years. Your support of the *Light the Future* campaign will provide funding for the upgrades, improvements and expansions that are highlighted on the following pages.

As you reflect on your school experience, the spaces where you spent time growing academically, participating in the arts and athletics, engaging with teachers, deepening faith, and socializing with peers leave a lasting impression. This campaign is a pivotal opportunity for you to make a significant and lasting impression on future generations. **Will you join us?**

We hope that, as you learn more about our vision for the future of LM, you too are excited and inspired by both the plans and the possibilities, and that it awakens in you a renewed passion to partner with us in providing a foundation of deep Christian faith, well-rounded education, and rich community for every student.



Grace and Peace,

*Kathleen R. Beiler*

Kathy R. Beiler '85  
Board Chair

***"Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path."***

***Psalms 119:105***





# OUR CORE Values

**ARE AT THE CENTER  
OF EVERYTHING WE  
DO TOGETHER.**



► **SEEK JESUS**  
*Wholeheartedly*

► **LIVE**  
*Compassionately*

► **BUILD**  
*Bridges of Peace*

► **CULTIVATE**  
*Global Citizens*

► **NURTURE**  
*Curiosity & Creativity*

► **EMPOWER**  
*Lifelong Learning*



**AS WE KEEP OUR EYES FOCUSED ON OUR  
MISSION, THE PATH AHEAD IS CLEAR.**

For over 80 years, Lancaster Mennonite has existed to provide Christ-centered education and to equip students to change our world. **THIS IS OUR UNCHANGING PURPOSE.**



Create a unified PreK-12th grade community with strengthened curriculum priorities and collaborative learning opportunities across grade-levels that fully utilizes and effectively stewards the resources of our 95-acre Lancaster Campus.

## UNITE

## RENEW

Upgrade well loved and highly used spaces to maintain state-of-the-art facilities for academics, fine arts, and athletics that will serve the needs of students of every age in a united LM community.

Create spaces designed to support new curriculum initiatives that help students grow in their understanding of the world and discover their purpose in it.

## INSPIRE



**BUT WE CANNOT WALK THIS PATH ALONE.  
WE NEED YOU! ►►►►**



# OUR Future IS NOW!

**A COMMUNITY  
TOGETHER!**



We are excited for everyone to be together, and for the opportunities our 95-acre Lancaster campus provides for PreK-12th grade programming: STEAM activities, outdoor learning, art, music, extracurriculars and spiritual growth!

## HIGH SCHOOL ▶

**9th-12th grade:** High School (HS) students will continue in the 2nd floor of the '64 Classroom Building and the south end of the 1st floor. All classrooms have been renovated and new science and language arts classrooms were created. Several others have been relocated and upgraded to increase efficiency of use and provide a better learning environment.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL ▶

**5th-8th grade:** Middle School (MS) students will be located in the newly renovated lower level of the '64 Classroom Building. Classroom locations will shift slightly from the current space under the Alumni Dining Hall to be more centrally located and will include a design lab, project spaces, and a science lab. While 5th grade will be housed within the middle school, their classes will be self contained.



## ELEMENTARY ▶

**PreK-4th grade:** Both English and Spanish Immersion students will be located in the Ruttt Academic Center. This building was specifically chosen for our youngest students because of its security, location on campus, and classroom layout. The elementary library will be located in the current atrium and MakerSpace will be on the third floor.





# Project HIGHLIGHTS



## Elementary - Rutt Academic Center

- Classroom upgrades to make spaces appropriate for PreK-4th
- Add restrooms between classrooms for PreK and Kindergarten
- Creation of MakerSpace (STEAM classroom) on 3rd floor
- New Elementary and PreK playgrounds and play area
- New driveway and gates to improve security and traffic flow



## Middle School and High School - '64 Classroom Building

- New office and entrance at the front of campus
- New Science Wing (labs and classrooms) in the former Media Center
- Family and Consumer Science rooms relocated to the G. Parke Book Building
- New Media Center
- New classroom furniture and smart projectors



## Campus-Wide Updates

- System offices moved to front of campus
- Fencing around academic buildings for enhanced security
- Excavation and paving of new pick up and drop off areas
- Turf resurfacing
- Track resurfacing



# FEATURED HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to renovations in existing classrooms, offices and hallways, several new spaces will be created to accommodate the needs of all of our students, staff and faculty, and visitors.



Elementary area focused on hands-on design thinking.



Rendering of the Elementary MakerSpace Classroom

## STEAM CLASSROOMS

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math

Creativity and innovation need places to grow! The new Elementary MakerSpace area (photos shown here are renderings) will be created on the third floor of the Rutt Academic Center. The High School will house a new science wing, which will include two lecture rooms and two labs. The Design Lab in the Middle School is undergoing complete renovations as well.



Rendering of the Elementary MakerSpace Classroom



Rendering of the High School Science Lab



High School Robotics



Rendering of the Middle School and High School Office Entrance Interior & Stairway



Middle School Design Lab

## NEW ENTRANCES

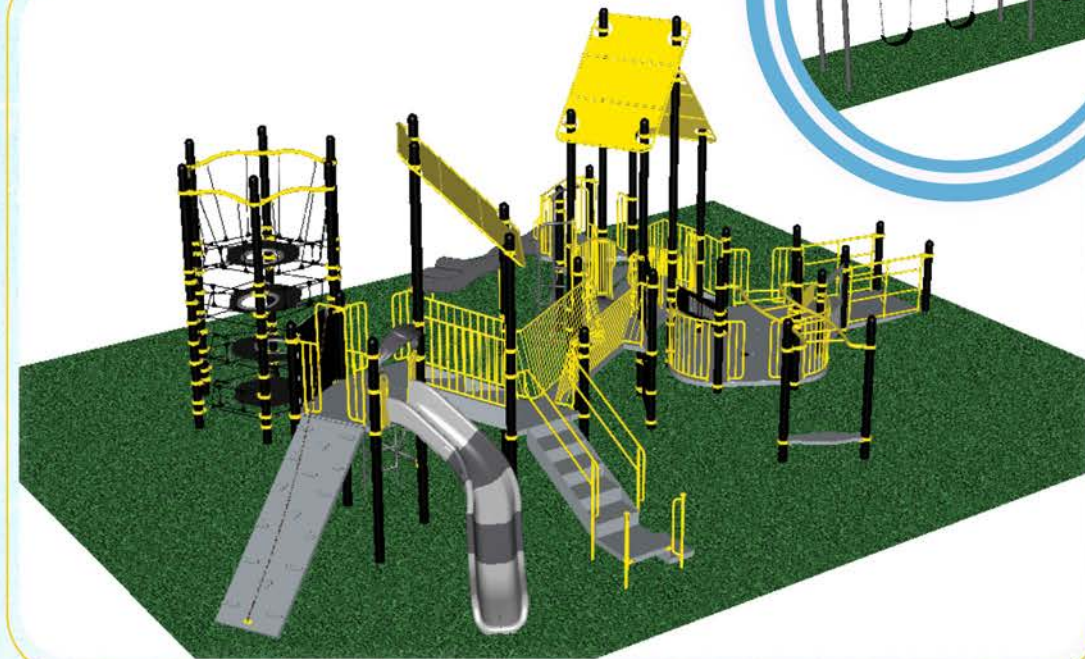
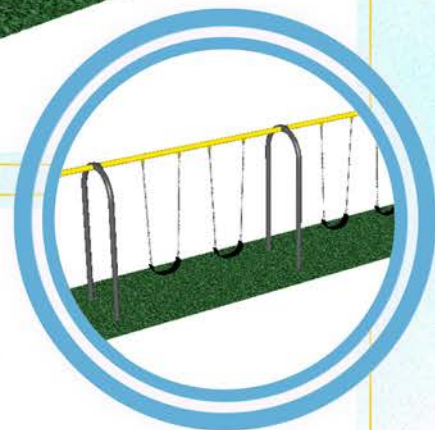
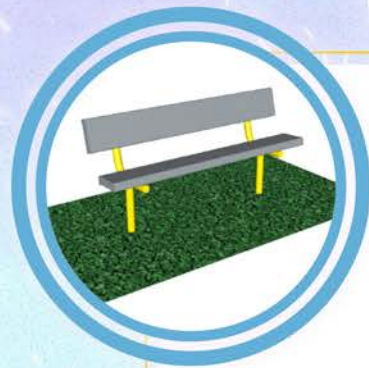
New entrances to both the Middle School and High School Office and the System Office (east end of 2160 Lincoln Hwy E. building) will be constructed. This will centralize all the offices at the front of campus, improving accessibility for guests and parents, and allowing for increased security as all visitors must enter through one of those offices. Below you see renderings of the new Middle School and High School Entrance.



Rendering of the Middle School and High School Entrance Exterior

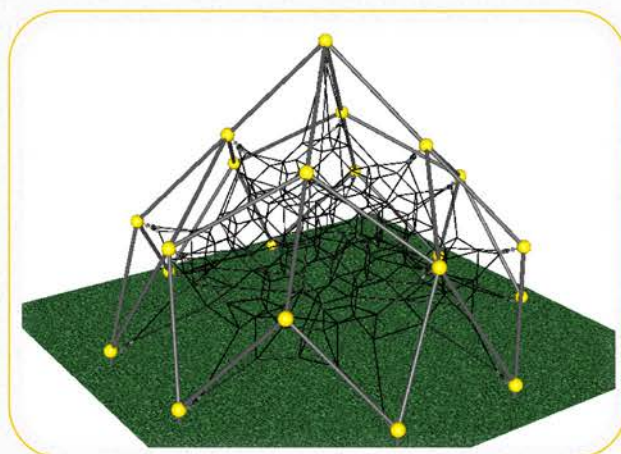






## PLAYGROUND

The addition of Elementary students to campus creates a new need for playground spaces. The playground will provide a great outdoor play space for students of any ability. It includes ramps and lower play features that create more accessible play areas, as well as slides, music makers, climbing items, and swings.



## ATHLETIC FACILITIES

LM's athletic facilities add so much to the academic and community experience of our students. As we bring additional Elementary and Middle School students on campus, these facilities will see increased usage. In anticipation of this, **the turf field and the track will both be resurfaced**, ensuring our students and athletes have safe spaces to learn, acquire new skills, and compete.





## FAITH INTEGRATION ►



"I'm looking forward to being all together, PreK through 12th grade, in one place.

I think it will bring new energy, vision and ways to continue building a strong faith and learning community.

Jenn Esbenshade,  
LM Curriculum Director

## FINE ARTS ►



## STEAM ►



## WORLD LANGUAGE ►



## OUTDOOR EDUCATION ►



# LIGHT the Future

**...IS MORE THAN JUST A UNIFICATION.**

It is the first step into a stronger future.

And that future starts now.

As we bring together students of all ages, there is already new energy and vision coming alive that will create a brighter future for every student at LM.

In the process of moving toward unification, we have heard from parent surveys, listening sessions, teacher input and the work of the Program Taskforce, that there are definite priorities for our curriculum focus going forward. These areas of excellence make the most of our resources and faculty giftings, differentiate Lancaster Mennonite from other schools in the area, and strengthen the quality of education we offer our students and our ability to attract new families and students.

### TOP CURRICULUM PRIORITIES:

- Faith Integration
- Fine Arts
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math)
- World Languages
- Outdoor Education

The problems our world faces are complex, and we need to raise up a generation of students who are prepared to think critically, creatively, and innovatively. These curriculum priorities do just that for our students, while infusing Christ-centeredness, peacemaking, and service into all aspects of life. Isn't that just what our world needs?

**WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US IN RAISING  
UP LEADERS OF THE FUTURE.**



# WHAT EXCITES *You* ABOUT THE UNITED FUTURE OF LANCASTER MENNONITE?



"I will get to meet  
new people and  
do more classes!"  
JT, LM 4th grader



I'm excited for us to do more activities where  
students in older and younger grades can work  
together on the same campus, like growing  
seedlings in the greenhouse and planting them. Or  
giving our FFA members the chance to share their  
knowledge of agriculture, animal or food production  
with the younger students as part of class.

Ryan King, LM Agriculture & Technology Teacher

The unification of our campuses is particularly  
exciting for the Spanish Immersion program.  
Now students of all ages learning Spanish will  
be able to interact with each other across  
grade levels. In addition, native Spanish  
speakers from what are now different campuses  
will be able to serve as incredible resources to  
the Spanish Immersion program.

Heather Ruark, LM Middle School  
& High School Spanish Teacher



"LM is a place where  
I feel safe and can be  
myself. I appreciate  
that the teachers care  
about us personally."

Savier S.,  
LM 12th grader



I am looking forward to having my children on  
the same campus after the unification. I think  
it will be a great opportunity for the older  
students to interact with the younger ones.

Jennifer Brubaker,  
LM Parent



I'm excited for the classroom  
updates and updated facilities  
that will provide students with  
state-of-the-art technology  
to learn in a Christ-centered  
environment. It's the  
home base for today's and  
tomorrow's World Changers.

Rod Lefever '84  
Board Vice Chair  
& LM Parent



## PROJECT EXPENSES

### Student Classrooms and Academic Spaces

\$4,080,000

- STEAM - MakerSpace, Design Lab, Science Wing
- New Elementary Media Center
- Relocation of Family and Consumer Science and Media Center
- New single use restrooms, renovated multi-stall bathrooms
- New classroom furniture and cabinetry
- New smart projectors in every classroom
- Before and After School Care

### PreK and Elementary Playgrounds

\$330,000

- Retention relocation and land preparation
- Playground equipment and fencing installation

### Accessibility and Security Upgrades

\$3,700,000

- New lanes and paving for traffic efficiency and student safety
- Fencing and security technology around campus
- Office relocation to front of campus for welcoming and secure entrance
- New fire alarm system

### Athletic Facility Improvements

\$1,200,000

- Track resurfacing
- Turf resurfacing

### Campaign Operation Expenses and Contingency

\$690,000

### Total Expenses

\$10,000,000

## SOURCES OF FUNDING

Portion of Locust Grove & New Danville Campus Sales  
(remainder of sale price being put in the endowment)

\$3,000,000

**Light the Future Campaign**

**\$7,000,000**



# TABLE OF GIFTS

As we enter a new stage for Lancaster Mennonite, your support will make a difference to *Light the Future* for our students. Your charitable contributions and pledges will help leave a lasting impression on students for generations to come as they deepen their faith, excel in education, and build a life-giving community at Lancaster Mennonite. Gifts of all sizes are needed to make this campaign a success.

Gift Amount	Number of Gifts	Total in Range	Cumulative	% of Total
\$2,000,000	1	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	29%
\$1,000,000	2	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	57%
\$500,000	2	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000	71%
\$250,000	3	\$750,000	\$5,750,000	82%
\$100,000	5	\$500,000	\$6,250,000	89%
\$50,000	6	\$300,000	\$6,550,000	94%
\$25,000	10	\$250,000	\$6,800,000	97%
Gifts under \$25,000	20	\$200,000	\$7,000,000	100%
49		\$7,000,000		

Will you join your friends and community in making a gift to **LIGHT THE FUTURE** of Lancaster Mennonite?

I have fond memories of my time at LMH. The lessons I learned in the classroom, on sports teams and singing in Campus Chorale still come to mind as I work with my team at Stroopies, Inc! Seeds that were planted in the soil of my heart at Lancaster Mennonite have germinated over time, and they are still growing. I am so thankful for the LM community!

Jennie Groff '95  
Owner of Stroopies, Inc.



Lancaster Mennonite has been a significant place for our family, and we wanted to support this project through the creation of the elementary library. Libraries are spaces that help us grow emotionally, spiritually, and academically. Books take us places we've never been and teach us things we may never learn otherwise. We hope our gift encourages every LM student on their journey to become a lifelong learner.

Rick and Marcy High  
*Light the Future* Donors,  
Alumni Parents, Former Faculty



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We invite your support as we continue to live out our mission.

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