

° Lease Issues at Maybrook Campus Update

September 11, 2017

Lowell Joint School District





Maybrook Lease Summary...

- ✓ March/April 2017 – Carnegie (on behalf of Calvary-Whittier Christian) publishes they will be moving 7th-12th grade students to the Maybrook campus and building a gym on the Maybrook campus.
- ✓ March/April 2017 – Carnegie (on behalf of Calvary-Whittier Christian) makes public statements at a staff meeting that such actions will probably bring law suit from Lowell JSD, but it will take 3-4 years and by that time it will be too late.
- ✓ May 2017 – Breach of Lease due to cancelled check and failure to make lease payment(s) by Carnegie (on behalf of Calvary-Whittier Christian)
- ✓ June 12th, 2017 – Breach of Lease discussed at public Board meeting
- ✓ June 26th, 2017 – Breach of Lease and related issues discussed at public Board meeting
- ✓ July 2017 – Lease payments brought current, including penalties
- ✓ July 31st, 2017 – 2nd Breach of Lease discussed and direction given at Special Board meeting





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- ✓ August 1, 2017 – 2nd Breach of Lease due to assignment of lease by Calvary to Carnegie and Termination of Lease notice
- ✓ August 8, 2017 – Carnegie asserts that they “...intends to remain at the Maybrook campus for the foreseeable future.”
- ✓ August 9, 2017 – Calvary declares that they cannot cure the breach and that they are not prepared to operate a school at the Maybrook Campus.
- ✓ August 11, 2017 – Lowell serves notice to terminate lease and take control of our campus by August 14th, 2017 by 5:00pm
- ✓ August 14th, 2017 – Ongoing Maybrook lease discussed at Board meeting
- ✓ August 14th, 2017 – Heights Christian School states that they would be interested in discussing the possibility of operating a private school at the Maybrook Campus for 17/18



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- ✓ August 17th, 2017 (9:18am) – Carnegie notifies parents of Calvary’s decision and states that they will help “...make sure that every student has a smooth transition from this point.”
- ✓ August 17th, 2017 (11:30am) – Lowell is called to the Maybrook campus to resolve conflict between Carnegie representative, current instructional staff and LA County Sherriff
- ✓ August 19th, 2017 – Lowell posts legal notice of ownership at Maybrook campus
- ✓ August 22nd, 2017 – Carnegie publishes letter to all Whittier Christian families stating that Lowell JSD has appointed Mr. Stovall to handle all matters; therefore, they should contact Lowell JSD to receive information related to their accounts; Carnegie is no longer able to assist.
- ✓ August 23rd, 2017 – Lowell takes full possession of the Maybrook campus; changes locks
- ✓ August 24th, 2017 – Lowell drafts new 2 year MOU with Heights Christian School and Calvary Baptist Church, which we hope leads to a long term lease with Heights Christian Schools
- ✓ August 29th, 2017 – Heights Christian School opens the 2017/18 school at the Maybrook Campus





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- ✓ August 2017 – Former Whittier Christian School families are still working to obtain refunds from Carnegie for registration and multiple months of pre-paid tuition, which would support Heights Christian School and Calvary Baptist Church to meet their deferred lease payments in a more timely manor.

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Re: **Carnegie Schools, LLC – Carnegie Whittier**
 Refunds for Parents/Guardians for 2017-2018 School Year

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

It is my understanding that you represent Carnegie Schools, LLC (“Carnegie”) as to matters concerning the issues between Carnegie, Lowell Joint School District (“Lowell”), and Calvary Baptist Church Whittier (“Calvary Baptist”). If that understanding is incorrect, please let me know immediately.

I represent Christine Merritt and Frances Dennis, mother and grandmother respectively of Emily Merritt, who was enrolled at Carnegie Whittier as a seventh grader for the 2017-2018 school year. I have also been contacted by approximately 25 families, all of whom have paid registration fees and made tuition payments to Carnegie for their children to attend Carnegie Whittier for that school year.

- ✓ September 1, 2017 – Former Whittier Christian School families have retained legal counsel to help facilitate refunds

NEXT STEPS for LOWELL JSD:

- ✓ Work in collaboration with Height Christian School throughout the 2yr. MOU
- ✓ Work in collaboration with Calvary Baptist Church (former owner of Whittier Christian School) to complete their remaining lease obligations.
- ✓ Work to develop a proposed long term lease with Height Christian Schools



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QUESTIONS?

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