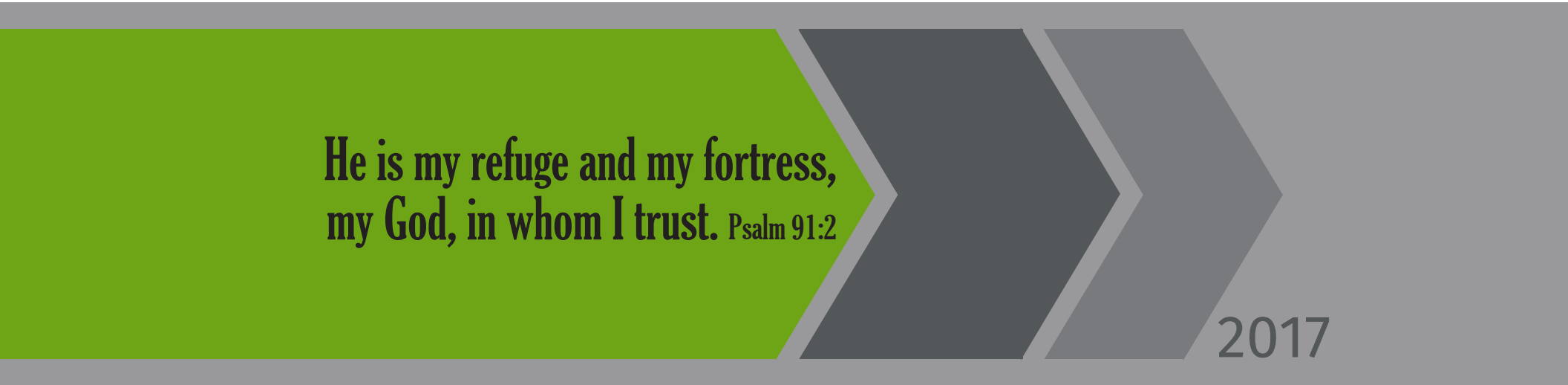


Forward In Faith

Listowel Christian School



He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust. Psalm 91:2

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Raising Money, Changing Lives

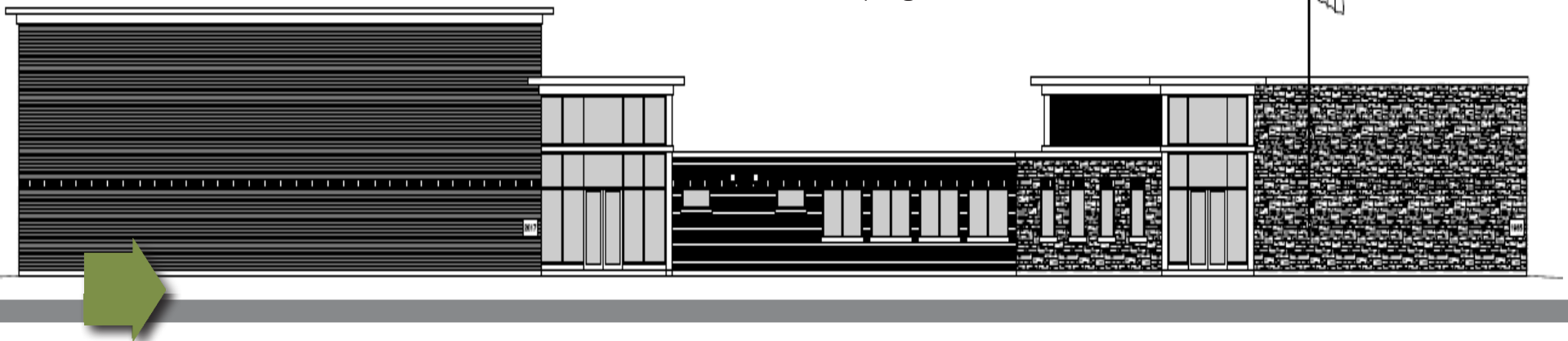
Zach Clarke, a development and leadership coach, said in one of his postings, “When it comes to raising money, you can only raise money for two things: Changing lives and saving lives. The challenge is to first determine, are we changing lives or are we saving lives? Then, how can we paint the picture of the person we will impact?”. This is a great perspective statement for a capital campaign.

If you think about the quote, we are challenged to think of raising money differently. We are not raising money to renovate a building but rather we are raising money to change and save lives. The building is simply a tool we require to facilitate the real task of Listowel Christian School – to change lives. As Christian teachers and parents, we daily present our students with an integrated package of curriculum and gospel which is a recipe for change.

To carry the quote further, how do we paint a picture of the person we will impact? That picture gets painted a hundred times every day as each child takes their last step off the bus and enters the classroom. Whether they are three years old or thirteen, each child is their own painting. Our task is to make a lasting impression on their canvass, to change their lives and ultimately to point them to Jesus who can save their lives.

This is an important task and it requires the best tools. An effective building is one of those tools. As we work through this campaign, as we consider our role in the financing of the project, consider your role in changing the lives of each child that attends Listowel Christian School. What an opportunity to have a great impact!

~The LCS Campaign Team



A Message from our Board Chair

For over 40 years LCS has been committed to quality Biblically based, Christ-centered education. But we are growing out of our current building and much learning has taken place about the learning environment required for quality education. We are excited about the education our children receive at LCS and desire more children and families to experience the blessing of Christian education. In addition to providing us with more effective learning space, the proposal to purchase and renovate a former public school is strategic for several reasons:

Financial Stewardship: of the proposals presented, this is clearly the most effective use of the school's finances.

Town Utilities: with increasing environmental and health standards for water and sewage treatment, access to the town's services are a bonus.

Room for Growth: The new facility provides enough space for the student population to increase significantly.

Location: being in town will enable us to more effectively fulfill our vision "to expand its relationships with the broader community".

As a board, we have evaluated this proposal and it is our belief that this proposal is an excellent opportunity for the future of the school. I invite you to support this vision for Christ-centered education as we work towards a facility that gives glory to God and meets the educational needs of current and future students.

Andrea Bootsma



Our Beginnings

Honouring our past...

The Listowel Christian School Society was formed in the 1950's by a group of people who believed that it was their responsibility to provide scripturally directed education for their children. They believed that it was their responsibility as parents and as people of God to establish a school that in all of its programs would honour God by leading children to a deeper understanding of what it means to serve God.

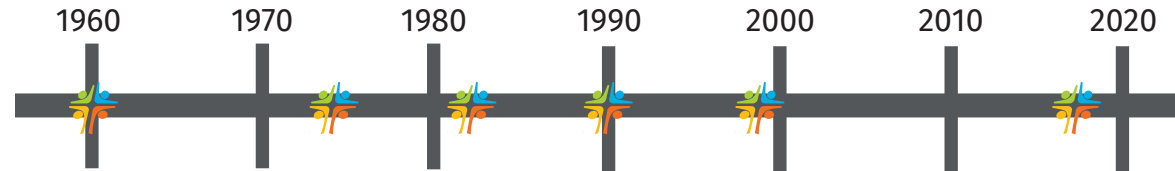
Stepping forward in faith, their dream became a reality when, in 1974, phase one of the current building was erected. In September 1974, the school began operating with 2 staff members and 39 students. It began small but the idea of Christian education was contagious and it soon began to grow. In the 1980's the second phase of building was completed, which included three classrooms and two offices. Phase three was dedicated in 1999 which included the gym, kitchen facilities, change rooms, storage areas, and the relocated library.







Listowel Christian School serves Listowel and surrounding areas including Palmerston, Gorrie, Fordwich, Harriston, Wingham and Atwood. We have now celebrated more than 40 years of Christian education in the Listowel area and we look forward to many more.



Diversity of LCS — Although our beginnings were rooted in the Christian Reformed churches, our current demographic includes families from a variety of Christian churches and denominations. Today, our families come from over 15 different churches within our supporting area. We appreciate the diversity of faith expressions but also value the unity of faith in our one God and the desire to have our children develop an understanding of Him and a relationship with Him that brings us all together. The interdenominational flavour of the school is experienced both at the staff level and at the parent/student level.

Our Timeline



-  1960 Listowel Christian School Society was formed
-  1974 First Society Meeting - agree to open with 17 committed students
- September 3, 1974 First day of school at LCS with 2 staff and 39 students enrolled
-  1982 First addition [3 classrooms and offices]
-  1990 Portables were brought in
-  1999 Second addition [gym, kitchen, changerooms, storage]
-  April 24, 2017 Campaign proposal made to the Membership to purchase and renovate Central Public School
- May 8, 2017 Purchase agreement accepted by the Municipality of North Perth
- May 15, 2017 LCS Membership voted to move forward with the proposal [87% approval]
- June 1, 2017 Campaign begins
- August 31, 2017 Financing must be in place to waive the purchase conditions
- September 2017 Develop final construction details, drawings and permits
- September 2018 LCS begins operating as a school on the new property



Our Present and Future

Honouring our children...

It is rewarding to see the ideas of many years come together into a building project. Through the process we visited other schools, developed a list of what our building currently offers, worked through a needs assessment, and began compiling all the ideas. We began with a Facility Ad Hoc Committee and then progressed to a Building Committee. We are committed to ensure that we develop a building to meet the current and future needs of our school. We are also committed to accomplish this task with a perspective of stewardship.

We realize that this is not the first time our community has gone through this process. Previous generations have provided us with the gift of Christian education, a school property, and a building. Building decisions were made in the mid 1970s, the early 1980s, and the late 1990s. I am sure that each time it required another step of faith and another financial commitment. But what stayed the same was the commitment to a Christian education. We now hope to provide the current and next generation with a facility they can benefit from as well.

We are very pleased that the design proposal meets the needs expressed by our community and staff. We look forward to the completion of this project in support of Christian education at LCS.

Mike Koetsier
Facility Ad Hoc Committee
Building Committee Chair



A Message from our Principal...

When I walk around the halls of the school and spend a little more time observing, I hear the learning that is taking place. Students might be laying on the ground discussing whether three groups of five is fifteen or twelve, they might be huddled around a table commenting on each other's art work and making good suggestions, leaning over a burner testing at what temperature three liquids will blend themselves together seamlessly, or they might even be scattered around the hallways. If you look around, the teacher might be off in the distance or mingling among the different groups.

Education has changed. The last classroom addition to LCS was in 1982 and was designed according to the needs of the school at the time. As we move from our desks into groups, there is a different demand on our building than there used to be.

As we look forward to a newly renovated building, we look forward to more classrooms, classrooms that can be set up for different styles of learning such as art and music, and spaces for multiple smaller groups to work under the supervision of the teacher. We look forward to spaces where our Educational Assistants can work effectively and our health nurses, speech pathologists, physio therapists, and occupational therapists can work undisturbed. These are all necessary building supports that will enable our teachers to continue to teach creatively and to promote student development of creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and communication.

I am excited about the possibilities that a renovated building will provide us. I am excited about new spaces in which to witness student's developing their gifts and seeing how God is working in their lives.

Ed Boelens






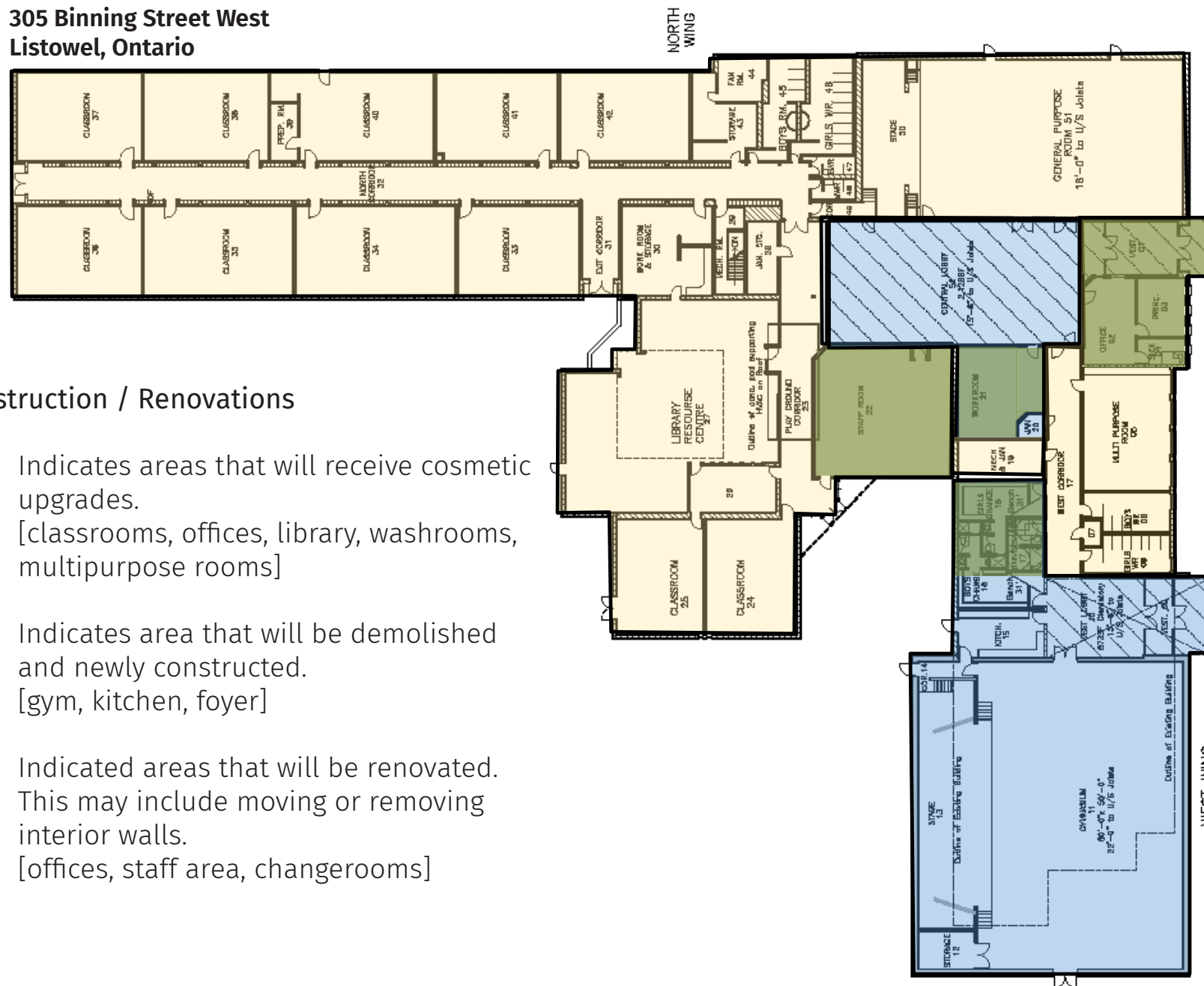
Our Vision

The vibrant community of Listowel Christian School will expand its relationships with the broader community through engaging our students in educational endeavours which put their faith into action.

**Our Future Address:
305 Binning Street West
Listowel, Ontario**

Construction / Renovations

-  Indicates areas that will receive cosmetic upgrades.
[classrooms, offices, library, washrooms, multipurpose rooms]
 -  Indicates area that will be demolished and newly constructed.
[gym, kitchen, foyer]
 -  Indicated areas that will be renovated.
This may include moving or removing interior walls.
[offices, staff area, changerooms]



Binning Street

[illegible]

A renovated building will provide us the following...

A large, open, welcoming foyer

- » A great place for parents to fellowship while waiting for children
- » Space to host Open Houses and welcome new families
- » Room for fellowship during high traffic times (Grandparents Day, Christmas programs)
- » Displays of student work
- » Small group working area

Separate classrooms for JK and SK

- » Teacher can design the rooms for the different age levels
- » Prepares us for the potential of increased kindergarten time

Increased washroom facilities

- » Two sets of larger student washrooms
- » Two staff washrooms
- » Accessible washroom

A larger library with natural light

- » Great spaces for small group learning
- » Lots of shelves for Library books to be displayed for readers
- » Great room for Board and committee meetings

Twelve possible classrooms

- » Each room as large or larger than our present classrooms
- » Room for growth
- » Room for small groups learning spaces, for EAs to work and for storage

A brand new gymnasium the same size as our current gym

- » Area includes a large naturally lit foyer to the gym
- » New changerooms, each with one washroom and shower
- » A small kitchen for serving social events
- » Ability to completely lock off rental space from school space

A large all-purpose room (2nd gym)

- » This could serve as a gym for primary grades
- » Great space to allow students their physical exercise on rainy days

A designated health room

- » This room is within the office space so children can always be supervised

New playground equipment

- » Upgraded to today's standards
- » Equipment that addresses the needs of children of different ages



Our Goal is \$2,700,000

The campaign budget contains three main categories...

Construction

This includes all the demolition, reconstruction, renovations, upgrades, playground equipment, landscaping, paving, and the like.

Soft Costs

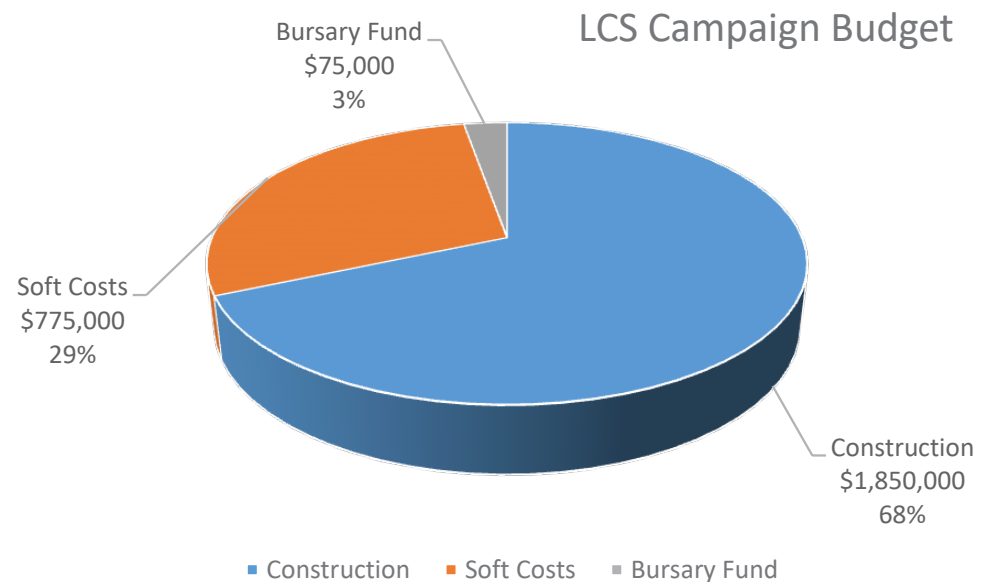
Transition costs include financing a loan required while the pledges are fulfilled as well as the costs of owning two properties during the transition year. We still have a \$100,000 mortgage on our property and the campaign is positioned to eliminate that debt.

The annual drive will be rolled into the campaign. Therefore, for the four year pledge period, we will not hold our annual drive. The campaign will pay the school's operational budget \$100,000 annually to compensate for the drive.

Bursary Fund

With this larger facility there is room for growth. A bursary fund will be created to support families for up to five years. We trust this campaign will position LCS to provide Christian education for the next many years. We believe it is a financially responsible use of our community's finances. By sharing the gift of Christian education with more families, LCS will grow.

CONSTRUCTION	\$1,850,000
INCLUDES:	
New gym, changerooms, washroom	
Renovations to the lobby and entrance	
Interior decorating and upgrading of existing classrooms	
Furnishings	
Maintenance - heating & lighting upgrades	
Playground	
Landscaping	
SOFT COSTS	\$ 775,000
INCLUDES:	
Fees / Design / Permits	\$ 75,000
Transition Costs	\$ 200,000
Annual Drive	\$ 400,000
Eliminate Current Debt	\$ 100,000
BURSARY FUND	\$ 75,000
PROJECT	\$2,700,000

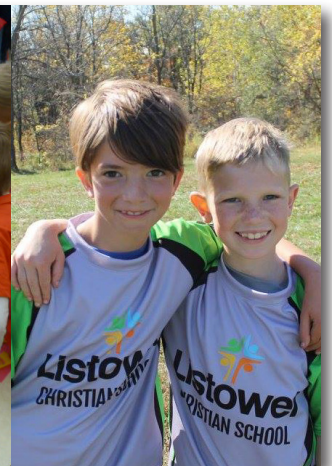




Gift Level	Annual Pledge Over 4 Years	Monthly Payments over 4 Years	Annual Tax Benefit 40%	Net Cost of Annual Gift
\$200,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$20,000	\$30,000
\$120,000	\$30,000	\$2,500	\$12,000	\$18,000
\$100,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$10,000	\$15,000
\$80,000	\$20,000	\$1,667	\$8,000	\$12,000
\$60,000	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$6,000	\$9,000
\$40,000	\$10,000	\$833	\$4,000	\$6,000
\$20,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$10,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$1,000	\$1,500
\$5,000	\$1,250	\$104	\$500	\$750
\$2,000	\$500	\$42	\$200	\$300

Canada Revenue Agency provides tax credits for donations to charitable organizations. Your donation to the LCS campaign is eligible for a tax credit. In the majority of cases, the personal donations tax credit is approximately 40% of the total donation. Your actual cost is only 60% of the donation amount. The chart shows some examples of potential tax benefits.

Actual tax amounts may vary depending on individual tax brackets.





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Brittany O'Boyle	Grade 1-2
Lauren Van Rooyen	Grade 2-3
Tanya Delleman	Grade 4-5
Pieter Katerberg	VP / Grade 5-6
Lauren Koersen	Grade 7-8
Liz ten Brink	Resource / Grade 7-8
Anita Wright	Music
Pam Baarda	EA
Bonnie Jones	EA
Louise Van Andel	EA
Henrietta Claus	EA
Erin Hollinger	Custodian
Rita Ann Feenstra	Administrative Assistant
Ed Boelens	Principal / Grade 7-8

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