



## BENEFITS TO BE GAINED

Completion of the Project will enable Des Moines Christian School to provide all of the following:

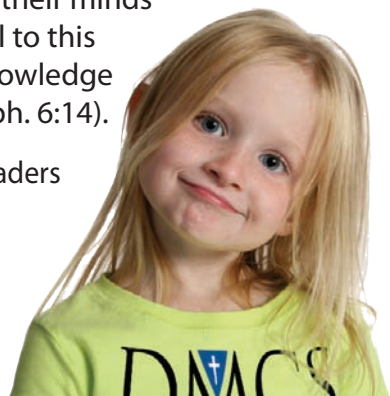
- A safer, higher-quality, accessible facility for academic, athletic, and fine arts activities
- Improved programming with more optimal space for child care
- A dedicated multi-purpose room for elementary lunch/physical education and junior high athletics
- A stage and storage for drama and fine arts performances
- A larger, separate secured area for the Early Education program, which allows us to serve more children in with increase security.
- Higher quality, Christ-centered education option in central Iowa
- Increased equity and property value position for the School

## YOUR SUPPORT WILL EFFECT GENERATIONS TO COME...

Our students are challenged daily by forces contrary to God, which every year come against them with stronger might than the year before. At DMCS we partner with parents and churches to help transform students through the renewing of their minds with a biblical worldview. Facilities are critical to this transformation. The student fortified with knowledge of the Bible is the one who can stand firm (Eph. 6:14).

Our vision is for students to become servant leaders who think critically, discern spiritually, and act biblically.

Please consider your commitment to the students of Des Moines Christian School.



A key distinctive of DMCS is the "extended family" atmosphere of the school. High school students help in elementary classes, lead prayer partner groups, and are seen as positive role models for our younger students. In turn, older students check their own language and behavior; as younger children in the building present a natural accountability.



## Our Core Values

- Christ-centered
- Student-focused
- Wise stewardship of all resources
- Serving those inside and outside the body of Christ
- Striving toward excellence in all of our endeavors

# DMCS

*Des Moines Christian School*

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# DES MOINES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

exists to equip students with an excellent biblically-directed, Christ-centered education.



# Transformed!

- Quality education founded on biblical truth since 1948
- Accredited: Iowa Department of Education and Association of Christian Schools International





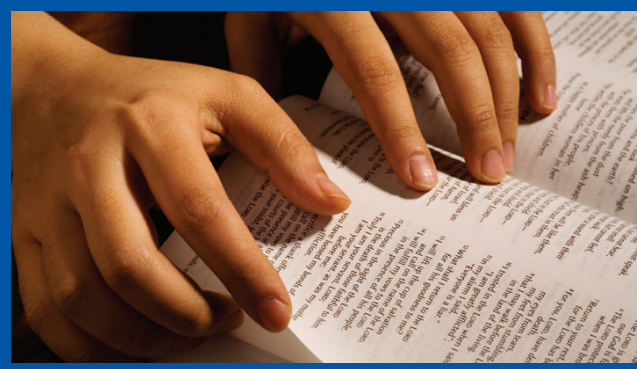
# DMCS TODAY

For the past five years, Des Moines Christian School has enjoyed the many blessings of our 26 acre campus, located in the beautiful Timberline neighborhood of western Urbandale. Construction of the facility was carried out with a practical approach to provide the space necessary for near-term priorities, fully expecting the need for expansion in the future.

At this time, we are close to reaching capacity in the current facilities, as the building is in use from early morning until late in the evening. With essentially four schools (Early Education, Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High) sharing the common spaces, the scheduling of athletic practices and game times has become a serious challenge.

## Several critical issues need to be addressed to accommodate the continued growth of the school:

- The Early Education department has waiting lists and no more rooms available.
- Major events in the gymnasium, such as music concerts, eliminate its use for physical education for a day or more, and varsity teams have had to practice in rented facilities to accommodate other activities.
- Due to the building's constant use, we regularly turn away other organizations which request to rent our facility, thus losing revenue.
- Our football/soccer field is neither lighted nor adequately developed for competition. We are required to pay rent for neighboring facilities for football games and track meets.



To ensure the continued financial strength of our school, no debt will be incurred for these new facilities.

- With no track, student-athletes currently run in the parking lot, in the street, and through the neighborhood, posing significant safety issues.



- The drama department has no place to call home, operating at the availability of other rented facilities.
- Lunch is served from mid-morning until mid-afternoon in the current Multi-Purpose Room, unless displaced by a science fair or art fair, which requires students to carry meals to their classrooms.
- As part of the capital campaign, the school is committed to accelerated debt reduction.

# PLAN TO ADVANCE

The Board of Directors has identified opportunities for the academic, spiritual and community advancement of Des Moines Christian School, and the facilities needed to meet those opportunities. Our Master Site Plan has been updated accordingly by architectural firm, SVPA. This comprehensive PLAN TO ADVANCE will require bold, visionary commitment from all who are constituents of the School.

## Multi – Purpose Facility with New Early Education Center:

Relocating the Early Education department to a new building on the east end of the current facility will free up the current space for growth in the elementary and secondary departments. A dedicated entry/exit point will increase the safety and efficiency to accommodate our youngest students. In addition:

- Elementary/Jr. High gymnasium – One gym floor capable of being separated into two courts to provide concurrent athletic activities for junior high students and elementary PE classes.
- Stage for both drama and music performances
- Scenery construction and storage
- Restrooms to provide support for school activities, athletics, and performances
- Office space to improve efficiency and effectiveness in our administrative work
- Kitchen to serve snacks/lunch to the Early Education students, refreshments after performances, and athletic concessions

**Stadium Complex** Set on the west end of our property to house track, football, and soccer, and provide improved community access for exercise use.

- Artificial turf field for year-round use with minimal maintenance.
- Eight-lane all-weather track and field events facilities for long jump, high jump, discus, etc.
- Support buildings to provide locker rooms, weight room, equipment storage, concessions, score board, and a press box
- Bleachers to seat 1,000-1,500 people
- Lights for all athletic fields
- Irrigation on athletic fields and green areas
- Gymnasium modifications to improve safety and functionality
- Security cameras to cover the new multi-purpose building, parking lot and new field areas

## Estimated costs of the project

Multipurpose gym/fine arts and Early Education building	\$5,000,000
Football/soccer/track stadium athletic support facilities	\$3,300,000
Grading/parking/walks and Early Ed playground	\$450,000
Existing gymnasium and entrance enhancements	\$1,025,000
Furnishing/equipment	
Architect and contingencies	\$1,300,000
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$11,000,000</b>

