



## **For Immediate Release**

### **Lake Country Classical Academy Set to Open September 2021**

**Delafield, WI (July 13, 2020)** — Lake Country Classical Academy (LCCA) – a new, K-12 public (tuition-free) independent charter school offering a classical curriculum – recently signed a charter school agreement with the Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Ojibwe College allowing LCCA to open in the fall of 2021. The LCO Ojibwe College is one of several institutions identified by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction that has the authority to authorize independent (2r) charter schools statewide.

LCCA will open in the fall of 2021, initially serving K-9 students, and it will expand by one grade each year until fully serving grades K-12 by 2024. As an independent charter school, LCCA will be a public, tuition-free school, open to all students. Although details on the school’s location are being negotiated and remain confidential, LCCA will be located within the northwestern corner of Waukesha County, also known as Lake Country.

“Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College is committed to partnering with LCCA and supports its approach to education,” said Dr. Russell Swagger, LCOOC President. “There is great synergy between our missions. Like LCCA, we believe in importance of developing students in mind and character, as well as the value of educational sovereignty. We also appreciate LCCA’s commitment to providing culturally responsive education, including learning opportunities that focus on Native American history and culture.”

“We are grateful that the LCO Ojibwe College supports LCCA’s mission and vision, recognizing the value of classical education,” said Kristina Vourax, LCCA Board President and Founder. “Lake Country Classical Academy is a wonderful option for families seeking a content-rich curriculum with rigor for their children in a teacher-led, traditional learning environment. LCCA students will navigate the vast areas of human knowledge essential to their intellectual, moral, economic, and civic well-being, and they will graduate as highly literate and ethical citizens, well-prepared to advance into any life endeavor.”

LCCA is working toward recognition as an affiliate school of the Barney Charter School Initiative (BCSI), an outreach of Hillsdale College. The BCSI team has assisted LCCA in the preparation of its academic program and charter application and hopes to assist LCCA in creating and implementing challenging, engaging academic programs, as well as providing teacher training that will serve as the foundation for a

liberal and civic education. This classical curriculum emphasizes the core disciplines of math, science, history, and language arts, including phonics and writing, with significant attention to music, art, and foreign language. Each of these disciplines is taught with an emphasis on the history and traditions of American citizens as the inheritors of Western civilization. The BCSI learning model has already seen substantial success throughout the United States, with more than 20 affiliate schools currently serving more than 11,000 students across the country. LCCA is slated to be the first BCSI affiliate school in Wisconsin and the only K-12 public classical charter school (by 2024) in the state.

Because LCCA will not begin receiving state funding as a public school until it becomes operational in the fall of 2021, donations are needed now for start-up costs. “We need the community’s support to make our dream of LCCA a reality,” Vourax said. “There are many items that need to be paid for prior to opening our doors, including funding for our school location, startup salaries, and classroom furniture and supplies such as desks and textbooks,” Vourax said. As a nonprofit/501(c)(3) organization, all donations to LCCA are tax-deductible. Donations may be made online at [lakecountryclassical.org](http://lakecountryclassical.org), or by mailing a check made out to “LCCA” to P.O. Box 252, Wales, WI 53118.

Informational meetings for prospective LCCA families, including details on the school’s curriculum and enrollment process, will begin this fall. In the meantime, visit LCCA’s website, [lakecountryclassical.org](http://lakecountryclassical.org), and/or follow Lake Country Classical Academy’s Facebook page for updates on LCCA’s progress.

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