



Statement Regarding Plans for
Expansion of Liberty Classical Academy
August 12, 2024

Liberty Classical Academy first presented plans for expansion to the May Town Board in May 2023. In November 2023, the school submitted applications for conditional use permits in both the City of Hugo and the Town of May because the school property is on both sides of the jurisdictional line. After study and debate, the City of Hugo approved a conditional use permit for the project in June. Unfortunately, after five meetings and hours of public discussion, the Town Board denied the school's conditional use permit, using a moratorium adopted two weeks earlier as its sole justification.

While this was not the desired outcome, the project is not over. Liberty purchased the Withrow school building and the land around it several years ago to provide for consolidation and expansion of its Christian school. The school community and donors have generously supported the project, providing resources for design, engineering, and traffic studies to satisfy the requirements of the City of Hugo, Town of May, Washington County, Brown's Creek Watershed District and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

School leaders are disappointed they cannot begin the project this summer as planned. Liberty will pursue all legal remedies and begin construction of the school expansion as soon as possible.

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