



ALCUIN'S \$1,000,000 COMMITMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Dear Neighbors,

Alcuin School has proudly been your neighbor for more than thirty years. Hopefully you have heard about the zoning application we filed with the City of Dallas. We wanted to take this opportunity to clarify a few details of the zoning amendment we are requesting, as there have been many misconceptions being perpetuated, and to ensure that you understand what we are proposing and the benefits to the surrounding neighborhoods.

Our Upper School:

Since 2005, Alcuin's zoning has allowed pre-school through 12th grade. **An Upper School use is already permitted on our Churchill Way campus.** We started our Upper School International Baccalaureate program in 2014. Alcuin is requesting the ability to educate more Upper School students without increasing the total number of student enrollment.

Number of Students:

Alcuin is currently allowed to enroll 700 students. **We are not asking to expand our student enrollment.** Our request is simple: we are asking to reallocate the distribution of those 700 students on our campus. We are requesting the ability to re-classify 100 students, making them eligible to participate in our Upper School International Baccalaureate program.

Driving Students:

Although we cannot legally control drivers that drive along Churchill Way, or through the neighborhood (regardless of their age), we can certainly control Alcuin students driving to Alcuin's campus. **Our zoning request is only asking for 35 additional student drivers.** In addition to limiting the number of students allowed to drive to school, Alcuin has also developed strict guidelines for our students that drive. Driving students will park in the westernmost lot of our campus (closest to Preston Road) and be required to enter and exit the campus from the west. No Alcuin student will drive past a residence on Churchill Way on their way to or from Alcuin's campus.

\$1,000,000 Commitment to the Neighborhood:

For the past two years, we have been meeting regularly with you - our neighbors. Many of you have asked, "What can Alcuin do to mitigate traffic along Churchill Way?" We have continually given this question thoughtful consideration. While our traffic engineers advise that the number of trips generated from Upper School students will actually result in a decrease in traffic compared to the same number of lower school students, we understand that some of the neighbors still have a concern with driving students.

Alcuin currently pays off-duty Dallas police officers to direct and manage traffic on Churchill Way. We feel this has been a successful neighborhood contribution with significant benefit beyond just the Alcuin community. In this same spirit, **Alcuin is offering to fund \$1,000,000.00 in neighborhood security patrols over the next decade if our zoning request is approved.** Together, neighborhood groups (leaders still to be identified) would decide exactly when and where the officers would patrol and Alcuin would pay up to \$100,000 a year over the next ten years to fund this activity. Our desire has always been to be a good neighbor, and we believe this one million dollar commitment will directly benefit every homeowner in the neighborhood. This offer has been discussed with City officials and they are supportive of such an arrangement.

Without your direct support, this neighborhood benefit will not be possible. **If you are in favor of benefiting from Alcuin-funded security patrols, it is imperative that you support our zoning application and contact the following city representatives and your respective neighborhood leaders to express your support prior to March 1:**

City Representatives

Lee Kleinman (City Councilman) – district11@dallascityhall.com

Janie Shultz (City Planning Commission) – jschultz@dallascpc.com

Aldo Fritz (City Staff) – aldo.fritz@dallascityhall.com

We would appreciate the opportunity to visit with you in more detail about our zoning request. In addition to Jana Haigood, our full time community relations staff member, please contact Sarah Dodd for more information. Sarah can be reached at sarah@doddcommunications.com or 214.755.4732.

Sincerely,



Walter Sorensen
Head of School



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President, Board of Trustees