

## **The Village Charter School**

### Letter of Explanation

The Village Charter School is currently located at 219 N. Roosevelt Street, Boise Idaho. The facility consists of 10,357 square feet of space and is situated on 1.17 acres. The property was converted from a church to accommodate the use of the school. The property is grossly inadequate for the needs of the school.

The facility is dramatically undersized for the current student enrollment. The way the facility is situated on the property doesn't provide for adequate parking or drop-off and pick-up circulation. The drop off and pick up is strained and requires many parents to park on neighboring properties and walk their students to the school due to the overcrowding experienced during the peak hours.

There are limited parking spaces for daily staff members as well. It's not feasible to hold assembly activities where parents gather at the school because of the inadequate parking and the burden it would case to neighboring properties.

The facility is grossly undersized and functionally obsolete. The class rooms are small, there is no indoor play or assembly areas, there is no library, no resource or music rooms and the restroom facilities are inadequate. Staff members have poor accommodations for break room areas. This is a partial list of the items that negatively impact the school due to their current accommodations.

The school has purchased portable outdoor units to provide more class room space and accommodate its immediate needs. This is not a long term solution to the problems.

The property identified at 7211 Colonial will be a significant improvement for the Village Charter School. The retro fitting of this property will provide the school the ability to design a space that will meet its many needs. The 46,000 square foot building situated on 2.2 acres of land is ideal for the school. The price that the school can acquire and retro fit this property is far less than what it would cost to build new. The school spent one year in researching the market for a facility that would meet its economic and physical needs. They have finally found that property.

The property has enough land to provide for an adequate drop off and pick up circulation. The property has space to provide for play ground both indoor and outdoor. The size of the building will provide enough space for the variety of functions that the school requires. The property is located near the freeway interchange which will benefit many families traveling from a distance.

As part of the Village Charter School's program for the new location the following items will be implemented to accommodate adequate play and activity areas for the children:

1. The existing outdoor pool structure will be "filled" in with appropriate fill material and the top surface of the new playground area will be covered with playground appropriate material that will provide cushioning.

2. The School will provide outdoor activity and play ground structures for children in the Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade age range. Children of the same age range will be using outdoor and indoor facilities at the same time, and activities will be staggered to reduce the total number of children at any specific time, and to provide an appropriate outdoor activity environment for the children.
3. In addition to the outdoor activity areas the school will now have the amenity of a gymnasium. The gymnasium can be used on inclement weather days to accommodate play ground activities. We anticipate that volleyball, badminton, basketball and numerous other similar activities will be provided in the gym location.

The proposed new location for Village Charter School at 7211 Colonial is situated in a transitional neighborhood that is bordered by Bishop Kelly High School to the East, parking lots to the West, Apartment complex to the South and West, and Commercial office facilities to the North. We have held the required neighborhood meeting and presented our project and program to the community. We have also met with the ownership of the adjacent apartment complex. We are not aware of any opposition to our project, and we have had nothing but positive feedback from the adjacent owners in regards to the proposed Village Charter School development.

The parents, students, staff and board of directors of the Village Charter School are thrilled with the prospects of this property and look excitedly forward to moving the Village Charter School to the Colonial location.