Lake Conroe Christian Academy 2080 Longmire Road Conroe, Texas 77304

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Dear Parents.

We appreciate your ongoing support of LAKE CONROE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY and with your commitment we can provide your child with a high-quality education. As you may know, Texas recently established a statewide Education Savings Account (ESA) / voucher program that allows eligible families to apply for state-funded assistance for private education. The key is who is eligible? Eligibility will be prioritized for those with special needs, then those with a certain socio-economic status, next those in public education, and finally those in private education. There is only a certain amount of money to be distributed by the state. That is why we want to provide a clear explanation of our decision.

After careful review and prayer, <u>LCCA will not be accepting state vouchers or ESA funds</u> for the upcoming school year. This decision was made only after extensive discussion among Mrs. Ashley, me and our school leadership team. We would like to share the primary reasons for this decision.

1. PRESERVING OUR ACADEMIC AND MISSION-DRIVEN INDEPENDENCE

Participation in government-funded programs often requires compliance with additional state oversight, reporting requirements, and instructional stipulations. While these rules may evolve over time, accepting state funds could eventually limit our ability to maintain the curriculum, Christian beliefs, educational philosophy, and student-support model that define our school. Remaining independent from the state allows us to keep our programs aligned with our mission and vision statements.

2. PROTECTING STUDENT ADMISSIONS AND SCHOOL CULTURE

Under the voucher program, schools may face pressure—directly or indirectly—to adjust admissions, number of school days per year and hours per day, or classroom structures to remain eligible. Also, schools who participate will be mandated to give a type of test, like the state test. We don't want to teach to a test. We believe it is important to preserve our ability to make decisions that ensure the best possible environment for all enrolled students at LCCA.

3. FINANCIAL STABILITY AND LONG-TERM PLANNING

Voucher programs are often subject to annual legislative budget decisions, funding caps, and mid-year policy changes. Because these funds are not guaranteed long-term, the school cannot rely on them for sustainable budgeting, staffing, or program development. Our tuition structure is designed to maintain high-quality staffing (state certified teachers Kindergarten-5th grade), small class sizes, and robust programs without the dependency on state appropriations that may fluctuate. We have worked hard to keep our tuition and costs at a minimum compared to other academies.

4. COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING STUDENT SERVICES

Some components of the voucher program place limitations on the types of services, accommodations, or special-needs support schools are expected – or not expected—to provide. We believe that maintaining full control of our service model ensures that all students receive consistent and equitable support without conflicting requirements.

5. UPHOLDING PRIVACY AND DATA STANDARDS

Accepting state-funded vouchers may require sharing student information or participation in state data-collection systems. Protecting student privacy is a core priority at LCCA, and remaining outside the program allows us to maintain our current data protection.

We understand that some families may have hoped to use the voucher funds to help with tuition, and we recognize the financial commitment families make to be part of our school community. We hope you now understand and support the decision we have made. We have prayed about our position and Mrs. Ashley and I will make every effort to keep LCCA affordable for everyone who chooses to be a part of our school family. We look forward to having you and your child/children with us at our new facility we are building, located 4.5 miles west of I-45 on FM 830/7Coves Drive. We are excited to announce that we are adding 5th grade next fall. God bless!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Broussard (BeBe)

Co-Director

LCCA