



PRESSING TOWARD THE GOAL

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why are we moving?

In its over 40-year history, FBA has experienced a lot of change. Having educated over 1900 Christian scholars, FBA is at a time now where we need to grow and expand our reach to more families. Even after evaluating potential renovations at the Downtown location, it became apparent that the current facilities would not be able to accommodate the sustained growth of our school. In short, we needed more space that we could not get even with extensive renovations in the Spurgeon Harris Building. Additionally, we heard from many prospective families and current families that they preferred a campus-like environment to facilitate experiential learning. Given the studies conducted by the facilities committee and feedback from current and prospective families, redeveloping the Saints Athletic Complex and moving the school emerged as the ideal solution.

2. Will First Baptist Academy still be affiliated with First Baptist Church Dallas?

Founded in 1972, First Baptist Academy was the realization of a twenty-seven year old dream of Dr. W.A. Criswell, the Pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas at the time. FBA has always been and will continue to be a ministry of First Baptist Church, Dallas. Additionally, FBA is a ministry that is being supported by FBC's Mission 1:8 initiative, and FBC has pledged to support the redevelopment at the Complex through this initiative. Even though the day-to-day school activity will move to a new campus, the relationship between the church and the school will remain.

3. When will Phase 1 be ready?

While there are a number of intangibles involved with construction that could alter the completion date, our goal is to raise the necessary funds to complete Phase 1 of the redevelopment by the Summer of 2017 so we can begin the 2017-2018 school year at the new campus.

4. What is the cost of Phase 1?

The current anticipated cost of Phase 1 is \$3.5 Million. Based on the studies by the facilities committee, this is the appropriate budget that will allow for the redevelopment of the facilities to accommodate approximately 275-300 students by the 2017-2018 school year.

5. Will there be transportation from Downtown?

Yes, we are considering all options to service our families that prefer to drop-off and pick-up in Downtown. We intend to offer a service that will allow families to drop-off and pick-up before and after school at a location in the Downtown facilities. We are still working through the specifics of the exact drop-off/pick-up location, the time for drop-off and pick-up, the transportation, etc., but anticipate having the specifics determined well in advance of the target move in date for planning purposes.

6. When will construction begin for the additional phases?

Our focus right now is to grow the school to continue the mission of developing Christian servant leaders. As with any capital project, however, the timing of construction is driven by the success of our fundraising efforts. We are actively pursuing all fundraising avenues to facilitate continued growth of the school and continued work on the next phases of the redevelopment. While we cannot give an exact timeline for the next phases of construction, our long-term goal is to accommodate approximately 800 students in Pre-K through 12th grade and have the appropriate facilities to provide the best Christian, college-preparatory education in Dallas.