



June 22, 2018

Community Development Department
3180 Atlanta Road
Smyrna, GA 30080

Dear Mr. Martin and Members of the Smyrna Community Development Department:

Please accept this letter as a comprehensive summary of the request for an extension of a Special Land Use Permit for a modular classroom facility operated by Covenant Christian school on property owned by Smyrna Presbyterian Church located at 3130 Atlanta Road, Smyrna, Georgia. The church together with the school respectfully requests an extension of our Special Land Use Permit to continue using a pre-fabricated building on church property for the purpose of meeting the need for additional classroom space for the school. Covenant Christian School is a classical, Christian school which maintains high academic standards, for K-4 through 8th grades. This interim solution for additional classroom space allows Covenant Christian School to continue its service to the community of Smyrna while actively funding its capital campaign for a permanent building. Preliminary plans and drawings for a permanent development of additional classroom and other educational space have been created and we have attached to this request an update on fundraising for capital improvement (which shows steadily increasing giving) as well as a copy of the site plan showing the modular building which remains in the same location and well-maintained since its construction.

The modular building is 56' X 68', providing 4 additional classrooms for the school. The modular building is tastefully finished with Hardi-panel siding and upgraded exterior trim to make the building attractive and consistent with the church campus. The modular building is very similar in size and exterior finish to those used by Whitfield Academy, also located in the city of Smyrna. The building's contractor, Modular Solutions, Inc. has also built modular classroom space for The Westminster School, Pace Academy, Whitefield Academy, and many other schools of excellent reputation and high standards of architectural integrity. We have maintained the building in a manner that makes it an attractive and integrative part of our church/school campus. It is maintained in good condition to be aesthetically pleasing and consistent in architecture and with the permanent building on the property. Besides regular interior and exterior maintenance, recent upgrades include updating HVAC systems and exterior painting.

We look forward to continuing to serve our Smyrna Community with the highest standards in affordable, classical Christian education. This modular classroom is a critical part of providing excellent education to Smyrna's children while preparing to do so long into the future and we are deeply grateful for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to direct any questions

about the proposed classroom space to Maxwell K. Thelen, President of the Covenant Christian School's Board of Trustees or Rev. Dr. Robert Barber, Covenant Christian School Headmaster, at (770) 435-1596. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for the opportunity to work together for the benefit of our Smyrna community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maxwell K. Thelen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping tail.

Maxwell K. Thelen
President, Board of Trustees of
Covenant Christian School