MEMORANDUM

To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: George Frampton, Director, Office of School Accreditation
Date: May 2, 2012
Subject: Horizon Christian School Request To Expand

The Indiana Department of Education recommends approval of Horizon Christian School’s [C282] request to expand their educational services to a second campus. The second campus is currently a non-accredited school operated by the Shepherd Community Center.

Horizon Christian School will assume full operational and curricular oversight of the second campus. The current Horizon Christian School board will be fully responsible for the new location, allowing the Shepherd Community Center to focus efforts on their primary mission.
April 17, 2012

Mr. George Frampton  
Director, Office of School Accreditation  
Indiana Department of Education  
Office of Accreditation  
151 West Ohio Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-1905

Dear Mr. Frampton:

It is the intention of Horizon Christian School to establish a satellite campus at Shepherd Community Center located at 4107 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46201. This satellite campus will be under the supervision of me and the Horizon Christian School Board. This second campus will be supported by the administrative staff of Horizon Christian School.

Currently, Shepherd Community Center operates an unaccredited school for children in grades K-3. Upon your approval, we will immediately assume responsibility for the kindergarten and first grade students. Each year we will assume responsibility for an additional year. By “assume responsibility” we mean that Horizon Christian staff and its board will govern the curriculum, staffing, professional development, assessment, and student resource support in a manner that is consistent with the policies, mission, and purpose of Horizon Christian School.

Both organizations, Horizon Christian School and Shepherd Community Center, believe that this “partnership of purpose” will enhance the educational opportunity and experience for both locations children and staff.

I respectfully request that you authorize this initiative. With your approval, we will begin educating the kindergarten and first grade children of Shepherd Community Center under the umbrella of Horizon Christian’s accreditation. To facilitate this approval, we would welcome the opportunity for you to tour Shepherd Community Center.

Sincerely,

Jim Downey  
Principal  
Horizon Christian School