‘Glancaster’ School Initiative
Background and Looking Forward

History
1. Summer 2010 – Board Vision Report
   • Continued school population growth
   • Projected enrollment of over 400 students by 2016 – maximum capacity for current building
   • Report Section 6, Future Considerations: “By the fall of 2015, at the latest, plans need to be in place to provide for the projected enrollment beyond 2017. Options to consider are: adding to the existing school building, forming two school societies, or forming a ‘middle’ school…”
2. Joel Bouwman approaches Everett DeJong in the church parking lot on a Sunday and raises the question about a new school.
3. Everett contacts Arie denHollander to see if there is interest in exploring this thought with two congregations – Ancaster and Glanbrook.
4. Adrian Bartels, Harry Jans and Rick Vandenbos are approached and also express interest in lending their minds and efforts to this idea.
5. Group decides to meet together, and invites two board representatives to attend as we discuss merits of pursuing the work
6. Meeting is held at Everett DeJong’s place with two Board members present.
7. Letter is written to the Board seeking input and cooperation (October 7, 2010).
8. Board expresses willingness to cooperate with the group (November 8, 2010).
9. Because of this – we agree to go forward as ad-hoc committee (December 7, 2010)
10. Decided to seek input from the members of the two congregations early to help us in our research. Town Hall meeting called February 10, 2010. Mixed reactions received – some strongly in favour of the idea, others wanting to see options.
11. A number of meetings held since the Town Hall meeting. Work now being completed includes compiling necessary numbers, investigating (preliminary) options for a building, etc.

Why ‘Glancaster’?
1. Timothy Christian School is located in Cornerstone ‘boundaries’, and is next door to Providence ‘boundaries’.
2. Preliminary thought was that it seems to make most sense to place a new school in a new area.
3. Ancaster currently shows 0% growth, whereas Trinity shows 7.4% growth to 2013 (taken from Vision Report). Combined effort has future viability.
4. We needed to start somewhere, and the initiative came from these two congregations.

Committee Goals
1. At the time -- not to sabotage the recent renovation project and fundraising
2. To assist the Timothy Board in finding a solution to meet the long-term needs of covenant education in this area by studying one of the options put forward in the Vision Report – new School Society.

Looking Forward
1. In the near future, make a presentation to Glanbrook and Ancaster congregations and seek their support in principle by way of a vote.
2. If support is received, move forward with research and finalize details in preparation for a final vote.
3. Continuous communication with the Board
4. Proposed course of events attached
The Continuance of Covenant Christian Education in the Cornerstone/Providence/Trinity/Ancaster/Rehoboth congregations: A proposed methodology to go forward

1. Glancaster Initiative makes initial proposal of idea to ‘Glancaster’ membership
2. Glancaster Committee begins comprehensive study
3. Engage Board and Membership in discussions on details of separation
4. Present study results to ‘Glancaster’ membership
5. Vote on whether or not to start new School Society
   - Yes: Inform the Timothy Board of intention to form new Society
   - No: Start separation process
6. Gauge support of membership by way of vote
   - Yes: Glancaster Initiative makes initial proposal of idea to ‘Glancaster’ membership
   - No: Inform Timothy Board that sufficient support was not attained
7. Communicate
8. Share common data if feasible

If the vote is No, Glancaster School Initiative disbands.