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## **PORTLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ACQUIRES PROPERTY FOR EXPANDED PRE-SCHOOL AND FACILITY FOR ATHLETIC COMPLEX**

**Louisville, KY (May 3, 2021)** – Portland Christian School (PCS) is strengthening its preschool capacity and establishing new athletic facilities with the purchase of a 12-acre East Louisville site four miles from its Westport Road campus.

The \$2 million initiative, already sixty-five percent funded through gifts, includes land acquired from Springdale Community Church at 4601 Springdale Road, plus the congregation's original building, as well the cost of renovations and athletic facility upgrades. The transaction closed April 27, and renovation design is under way.

The initiative allows the pre-school to nearly triple its capacity to 140 students and expands the amount of indoor and outdoor play space for the children, who range in age from 2 – 5. It also fills immediate athletic needs, as space was not available at the main campus for baseball, softball and soccer fields.

“This represents another major step in fulfilling the long-term vision of PCS of creating opportunities for students to achieve their potential through service, compassion, academics, participation in athletics, and spiritual growth. We are excited to start our next hundred years in the Louisville area as a Christian school focused on excellence and growth for our students.” said Mrs. Jodell Seay, PCS Executive Director.

Work to remodel and upgrade the former church building for the PCS Little School is slated to start within the next few weeks, and is expected to be complete by year-end 2021.

“We are seeing a lot of growth in our preschool, but are landlocked at our current location. This new building provides the capacity to serve more families in the community,” said Debbie Sprinkle, the preschool's director.

The land acquisition for its sports teams will allow Portland Christian Eagles Baseball to be a true "home team" for the first time since its founding in 1924. Upgrades are planned for the existing baseball diamond and it will be the PCS Eagles' home field beginning in 2022.

Plans are in place for the addition of a girls' softball field, and an existing trail around the property may serve as a cross-country practice course. The school is looking into leasing the use of nearby soccer fields and to continue leasing Springdale Community Church's basketball gym for some practices.

"PCS Athletics is excited to have a diamond to call home," said PCS Athletic Director Chuck Haddaway. "Our baseball program looks to build upon its success as a past Kentucky High School Athletic Association district winner, and we think all of these new facility opportunities will enhance student-athlete growth, deepen school spirit, and demonstrate our all-around excellence."

### **About Portland Christian School**

Portland Christian School in Louisville, Kentucky is a fully accredited college preparatory school serving more than 400 students. Founded in 1924 on the principle that "the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge," PCS is dedicated to presenting every subject in the light of God's revelation in the Bible, maintaining high academic standards and keeping Christian education affordable and accessible.

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