

## **“Future Casting: A Campus Master Plan”**

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### **What I Did:**

The project emphasis of Northside Christian Academy has been a Campus Master Plan in order to address the functional and aesthetic needs of the school and athletic facilities. In the process of pursuing this goal, the school committee empowered the Head of School to move forward with the plans to meet with John C. Cissel II the Van Lunen consultant assigned to Northside and gather more information. John’s tremendous understanding and astuteness has helped guide us through this process in a proficient and well-organized method. At John’s professional suggestion we have now contracted Beals Alliance to start the first phase of our Campus Master plan.

In response to our request, Beals Alliance submitted a proposal to provide an Interactive Workshop Environment (IWE) feasibility master plan for the renovation of the Northside Christian Academy Athletic facilities in Charlotte, North Carolina.

### **What Did I Learn?**

The task before Northside Christian Academy is more like a marathon than a sprint, and must be approached accordingly. Indeed, it is more like a marathon relay, where the success of the venture is as much in the hands of future participants as the current staff.

Because the administration provided the bulk of the impetus and involvement for this plan, the administration must pay particular attention to communicating and involving both the school committee and the rest of the Northside Christian Academy staff in order to generate ownership and thereby increase the ability to realize the ambitious yet necessary goals represented here.

No one can see the future. Each person and institution must make decisions that provide the best opportunity of moving closer to the purposes that God has laid out for us. In all cases, we can depend on the Lord, who, for NCA, has been faithful for 51 years of the school’s existence, and can be relied upon for the next 51 years as well.

### **What Difference Did It Make?**

- The NCA community has been encouraged and unified by the process that has been taken to improve the future of our school.
- NCA entered into contract with Beals Alliance for a full feasibility study of our athletic complex.
- Beals Alliance will work in partnership with Northside in order to review data pertinent to the project including survey, site maps, reports and pertinent historical data.
- NCA will receive a final color rendering of the feasibility study and master plan with associated costs.