Dear HCS Community,

A group of HCS Association Members submitted a petition to the HCS Board of Trustees to call a special meeting in order to introduce changes to the Constitution. This petition was signed by at least thirty Members of the Association and was duly addressed to and received by the HCS Board of Trustees on April 28, 2025. Pursuant to Article V of the Constitution, a special meeting is required to be held within 45 days of this submission. Over the past month, the Board has taken time to perform due diligence to prepare for the meeting.

This meeting will take place on **Wednesday, June 11 at 6:00 pm** in the gymnasium.

In the past, constitutional changes have been introduced by the Board with informational meetings to explain the proposed change and allow opportunities for questions and feedback in advance of a vote. Considering the Board has not had the opportunity to inform the Association through these community meetings, we have elected to not use Absentee Ballots for this meeting. Only in-person voting will be accepted. We encourage all Association Members to attend this important meeting.

Below in quotes you will find the corresponding message and the requested Agenda items that the Board received from the petitioning HCS Association members. In the spirit of transparency, these two motions representing proposed constitutional changes (with slight wording differences for the second proposed motion below, though same desired outcome) were received, discussed, and evaluated by the HCS Board of Trustees in April at the request of an Association member. These motions were not passed by the Board.

These motions are now being brought forth on behalf of the petitioning HCS Association members, and the HCS Board of Trustees is fulfilling its constitutional obligation by calling the meeting and presenting the motions to the Association for comment and vote.

Language from Petitioning Members

"The petitioning Members call for the special meeting for two reasons. First, the Constitution establishes HCS as a society-controlled school. The petitioning Members desire for the Association to have increased autonomy in the process of electing members of the Board of Trustees to manage HCS. Second, the Constitution establishes that the purpose of the Association is to maintain a private, Christian school in Highland, Indiana. The petitioning Members desire to confirm the Association's autonomy to carry out that purpose. The petitioning Members seek to reinforce these Constitutional truths through an amendment and an addition to the Constitution.

Agenda items for the requested meeting are:
1. Opening in Prayer
2. Confirmation of Quorum
3. Presentation of motion to amend Article VI.6 of the HCS Constitution to the following:
The Board of Trustees shall submit nominations for the election of Board members at the annual meeting of the society; such nominations, with a brief resume of each nominee, shall be included in the notice of the annual meeting herein provided for. At least two candidates for each vacancy shall be nominated by the Board.
4. Presentation of motion to add the following provision to the end of the first paragraph of Article III of the HCS Constitution:
To preserve the ability and autonomy of the Association to carry out its purpose the Association shall not merge or combine with any other society, association, or collection of schools.
5. Adjournment and Closing in Prayer"

Information About the Meeting:
At the meeting and in order to ensure an informed Association, the Board of Trustees will share the current process that is used to establish the slate of board nominees that is voted on annually by the HCS Association, will provide comment on the 2nd motion, and will provide the opportunity for Society members to comment on these motions prior to the vote.

Agenda for the Special Society Meeting:

1. Opening in Prayer
2. Confirmation of Quorum
3. Timeline summary and expectations for meeting
4. Presentation of motion
    a. A group of HCS Association members desire to amend Article VI.6 of the HCS Constitution to the following:
        - The Board of Trustees shall submit nominations for the election of Board members at the annual meeting of the society; such nominations, with a brief resume of each nominee, shall be included in the notice of the annual meeting herein provided for. At least two candidates for each vacancy shall be nominated by the Board.
    b. Comments from Board - Presentation of current Article V1.6 of the HCS Constitution and description of the process used to make nominations and establish the annual Board slate
    c. Comments from Society
    d. Distribution of Ballot
    e. Vote
5. Presentation of motion
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        - To preserve the ability and autonomy of the Association to carry out its purpose the Association shall not merge or combine with any other society, association, or collection of schools.
    b. Comments from Board - Presentation of current Article III first paragraph and comments on motion
    c. Comments from Society
    d. Distribution of Ballot
    e. Vote
6. Adjournment and Closing in Prayer

As stated in Article XIV of the Constitution, changes in Articles of the Constitution require a majority of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes polled. Voting requirements are listed on our website.

We encourage your attendance on Wednesday, June 11 at 6:00 pm for this Special Society Meeting.

In Christ,

HCS Board of Trustees