



Carson Long Military Academy

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Dear Cadets, Parents, Guardians, Alumni and Friends,

We are writing today to share some important information regarding the potential operational viability of the Carson Long Military Academy (CLMA). While there have been no final decisions made at this time, in consultation with the CLMA Board of Trustees, we feel you should be made aware of our current situation and the opportunities before us.

Based on projected enrollment for fall 2018, a commitment to keep tuition affordable and the lack of other revenue sources (e.g., gifts, grants, etc.), CLMA does not have the financial resources to continue operations as we have in the past. Our priority, as is yours, is ensuring a quality education for your child in a military style that we all agree is the best environment for your son. We are working on a joint venture with Valley Forge Military Academy and College ("VFMAC") located in Wayne, Pennsylvania, pursuant to which VFMAC will accept the transfer of your son, which will allow your son's education to continue in the military environment that you expect and deserve. VFMAC is committed to continuing our inclusive team approach to learning which produces academic excellence while staying true to our commitment to value based leadership.

While the details of this potential joint venture will be negotiated over the next 30-60 days, we can share some of the principles agreed to so far. The 2018-2019 academic year for all enrolled Carson Long cadets will take place at the VFMAC's campus. There will be no requirement for returning CLMA cadets to take part in a plebe training period. The CLMA uniforms, cadet rank and seniority will be acknowledged and honored by VFMAC. Discussions are ongoing for integrating select CLMA faculty and staff to ensure continuity and the interaction with distinguished CLMA teachers/officers to allow for a seamless transition for CLMA cadets.

While we are formalizing the transition with VFMAC, it is important to understand that, although it seems poised for success, it will also bring some degree of change. It is too early to give specifics on what the potential changes are, but as we continue past this academic year, it is important that we all understand and embrace the pending changes, which will provide an enhanced experience for our cadets.

We will, of course, provide more information as additional specifics become available. However, we wanted to ensure that everyone is at least aware of the potential for changes in the very near future. CLMA and VFMAC commit to provide another update no later than Monday, 25 June 2018, and we expect to officially announce an open house date at VFMAC on Saturday, 14 July 2018.

Please join us in this exciting step of advancing Carson Long's legacy. With your support this will be a major advancement for the entire military school community.

Very respectfully,

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