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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**Fayette Classical Academy Will Delay Start Date**

Construction costs and timeline prevent August 2025 opening

Fayette Classical Academy (FCA), originally planned to open this fall, will delay its start date. [Liberty Classical Schools](#) (Liberty), the public charter school operator working to open FCA, has been collaborating with [New Hope Baptist Church North](#) to finalize an arrangement that would allow the school to operate on the church campus.

It has recently become clear that, in order to meet the Georgia Department of Education's requirements for a school building, Liberty will need to make alterations that exceed budgetary projections. In addition, Liberty has concluded that, based on the analysis of its team of contractors, engineers, architects, and other experts, the timeline for this project would extend beyond the first day of school in August.

"Unfortunately, we would not be able to have the building ready for students until September, and maybe later," said Matt Stone, Liberty's New Schools Director. "Given this timeline, we think the right thing to do is to delay Fayette Classical Academy's opening."

Liberty received approval last fall from the State Charter School Commission of Georgia to open a campus in Fayette County for students in an attendance zone to include Fayette, Clayton, Coweta, Fulton, Henry, and Spalding counties and the City of Atlanta. When it opens, it will initially serve grades K-6 and add a grade each year until reaching its full, K-12 configuration.

"We are disappointed to delay the opening, and we know prospective families and employees will be disappointed, too," said Matthew Kirby, Liberty's CEO. "But it is critically important that we launch a new venture like this with every piece of the puzzle in place."

We are still committed to serving students and families in Fayette County and the rest of the attendance zone, and we will keep working to that end.”

Liberty is working to finalize the site for the school and will communicate a new opening date as soon as possible. Families that have completed an application for 2025 do not need to take any action at this time. Liberty will remain in communication with these families as they prepare for the future.

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