

## Chronological History of Issues of Relocation and Coeducation Christian Brothers High School

*In an effort to present a concise overview of the transition of Christian Brothers High School since the first task force, the following chronological summary has been prepared. Documentation for all statements is on file with the Secretary, and will be made available to you at any time.*

In **February 1983** Christian Brothers High School, Board of Regents, (Ed. Lammerding, President), initiated a broad based Task Force representing the entire community. The Task Force was charged with reviewing the situation surrounding the school from the perspectives of demographics, planning, education, law enforcement and politics. The conclusions of Task Force I, primarily that relocation of Christian Brothers High School should be considered were presented to the District Council of the Brothers, September 6, 1984. The District Council accepted and unanimously approved the request of CBS to explore the alternative of relocation of the School.

Brother Gary York, Director of Education and Brother Dominic Beradelli, District Treasurer were charged with reformulating the document. "Assumptions and Guidelines for Task Force II, Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento," so that it precisely reflected the views of the District Council as surfaced during its discussion of the document presenting the conclusions of Task Force I.

On **January 8, 1985**, Charles Sylva, President, Christian Brothers Board of Regents, and Br. Richard Camara, F.S.C., Principal issued a joint statement announcing the formation of Task Force II.

**January 14, 1985** - Letters indicating the intent of the Task Force were sent to all religious and educational members of the Sacramento Community.

**April 30, 1985** - All members of the Christian Brothers Community at CBS, unanimously endorsed the direction of Task Force II. (Relocation of the School).

**May 10, 1985** Task Force II was established.

Committees were formed to explore, demographics, land availability, potential donated sites, cost estimates, etc. Surveys were made to assess responses of Faculty and Staff, Alumni, CB Parents, Elementary School Parents, Elementary School Principals and Teachers, Support Groups, etc.

Task Force II recommended to the Board of Regents that the school be moved and that the Regents should recommend relocation to the Brothers.

**March 16, 1987** - Task Force III was established. Brother Richard Camara, F.S.C. appointed Mrs. Maxine Walker, a member of the Task Force Committee, Chairperson. (This task force only had one meeting, after which the Board of Regents dissolved Task Force III when it was determined that the Board of Regents should implement all future activity regarding relocation of the school.)

**May 28, 1987** - The Board of Regents created the Capital and Property Planning Committee with Bob Roche as Chair with the major goal of obtaining a donated 40 acre site for relocation of the school.

**September 9, 1988** - Bishop Quinn wrote to Brother Richard Camara, F.S.C., Principal, about the need for a collaborative effort in future planning of the Catholic schools in the Sacramento area. Mr. Jim Adams, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Sacramento was to implement this planning process.

**November 11, 1988** - Brother Mark Murphy, F.S.C. Provincial of the Christian Brothers wrote to Bishop Quinn stating the Christian Brothers had a tentative timetable and a proposed study which involved the possibility of cooperative planning for coeducation at CBS.

**December 1, 1988** - The Special Planning Committee of the Board of Regents met to determine the position of the Board of Regents, and other specially interested groups regarding co-education at CBS and the relocation of Christian Brothers. The recommendation of the committee was that it would financially and educationally be prudent to request approval of the Bishop for CBS to become a coed institution and to relocate the school.

**December 13, 1988** - Christian Brothers Board of Regents, Ron Carissimi, President, wrote to Brother Richard, Principal, stating that the Board unanimously endorsed the proposal that CBS convert to a co-educational high school. Additionally, the Board of Regents envisioned "a vibrant new high school."

On **July 11, 1989** Manuel Perry, President of the Board of Regents wrote to Brother Mark Murphy, F.S.C., Provincial that the Board of Regents unanimously expressed the following:

1. The Board opposed remaining at the present site. With or without co-education.
2. The Board opposed moving any further south than its present location.
3. Unanimously endorse the option that CBS move to a suitable northern site.

**November 27, 1989** - A joint press release from the Catholic School Department and Christian Brothers High School was issued announcing the closure of Bishop Manogue High School and that Christian Brothers would go co-educational in September 1990 and a major Capital Campaign would be conducted to build a modern co-educational facility at a Sacramento site yet to be determined.

**November 14, 1989** - Report to Board of Regents on Meetings between the Diocese and the Brothers presented by Br. Ronald - minutes Board of Regents Meeting.

In 1989 the Diocese of Sacramento decided to close Bishop Manogue High School. This was an all girl school. It certainly benefitted CBS, as Bishop Quinn had granted CBS permission to go co-educational in 1988.

On July 15, 1990 the Diocese of Sacramento and Christian Brothers High School entered into a contract that provided surety that the young women of Bishop Manogue High School would be provided priority educational opportunities at CBS. In consideration of that, the Diocese assumed certain financial responsibilities for scholarship assistance and renovations at CBS. This contract also gives the Brothers permission to conduct a capital fund campaign for relocation of CBS. **It is specifically stipulated that the Diocese will not be asked for a contribution to the capital fund campaign.** However, the Bishop would encourage pastors and parishes in the area to be supportive. The Diocese agreed to establish a \$1,000,000 endowment fund for Financial Aid for inner city students attending CBS.

**February 13, 1990** - Initial indoctrination of Board of Regents on elements of a Capital Campaign by Barnes and Roche. Capital Campaign Planning Committee begins organization.

**September 1990**, CBS became co-educational. In spite of extensive renovations, additional needs were evident.

**October 24 1991**, kick-off meeting of the Capital Campaign Committee - Brothers Residence.

**October 30, 1991** - Capital Campaign Committees were established. Descriptions of the various subcommittees and respective timelines were distributed.

**April 20, 1991** Barnes & Roche - Helen Shepard made a presentation to the Board of Regents to discuss Business Plan and Capital Campaign "Elements of a Major Gift/Capital Campaign ."

**June 1991** Following intense negotiations Chris Bardis a partner in the joint venture with Angelo Tsakopoulos' group with an offer to donate a 40 acre site on the West side of I-5 Northwest of Del Paso Road. The property owners will draw up a site plan which will be studied along with other factors to be researched, i.e. noise level, taxes to be paid on undeveloped property, utilities, etc. Consideration will be given to all aspects of this site plan before a final decision to accept property is made. Bob Roche to set up meeting with developers and Br. Richard to discuss the proposal.

**April 28, 1992** - Brother Richard, President of CBS resigns.  
Brother Joseph Desimone, F.S.C. appointed President, Pro-Tem.

In **May 1992** the Steering Committee of the Board of Regents recommended Community Counseling Services to conduct the feasibility study for a Capital Campaign.

In **August 1992** - Laura Yanes, President of the Board of Regents, informed Regents of the

"Board Training (sic) Sessions" to be held at Mont LaSalle in Napa. This 15 hour formation session was designed to prepare the Regents for the transition from being a consultative body to a Board of Trustees with limited jurisdiction for the management of the school. In addition the Board was to formulate a Strategic Plan for CBS. Mike Tomczak will chair a committee to create a one-year and three year strategic plan for the school. 7 goals for the Strategic Plan were adopted at this meeting.

**September 1992** - Brother Joseph made initial contact with Community Counseling Services.

**October 2, 1992** After reviewing several drafts the final land dedication agreement of 42.75 acres known as Adams Farm executed by the property owners and De LaSalle Institute.

**January 28, 1993** - Capital Campaign Committee with Executive Board of Regents invited met at the Brothers Residence and concluded:

The Strategic Plan would be implemented under the direction of the Board of Regents Present Christian Brothers site will be maintained and upgraded as necessary to serve present student body in accordance with current Strategic Plan.

A feasibility study will be conducted as soon as the Board of Regents determine the economic climate has improved enough to make such a study viable. This study will focus on moving the school.

The questions of feasibility would include - what do we need for the next 5-7 years? What do we need to move? What are the priorities? Will the community support a move?

Brother Mark and the District had committed to moving the school - however, it was clear the burden of financial commitment was to come from Sacramento. **The Institute would not be financially responsible for building the new school.**

**February 10, 1993** - Brother Ronald announced at Board of Regents Meeting that Brother Joseph Desimone would be reassigned to St. Mary's College, MN and that a search was underway for a new President for CBS.

**June 23, 1993** - Dom Puglisi, Principal presented Facilities Planning Report generated by the faculty of Christian Brothers to the Board of Regents. This report delineates specific needs of the plant to accommodate increased student body. This plan was accepted by the Board of Regents for inclusion in the Strategic Planning Report. The Strategic Planning Report still requires approval of the Lasallian Education Corporation (LEC).

**June 1993** - Dr. Donald H. Gillott, accepts position, for one year, as Administrator/CEO of Christian Brothers High School.

**September 17, 1993** - Presentation and response was made to the entire school faculty and staff by the Property Development Committee of the Board of Regents regarding questions from the Faculty Advisory Committee about relocation of the school. (Copy attached.)

**September - December 1993** - Selection process for Board of Trustees conducted by Process Design Associates. Formation programs were presented in 4 Saturday sessions.

**January 1, 1994**, Board of Trustees incorporated to become governing body of CBS. Robert F. Massa, Chair of Board of Trustees.

**January 12, 1994** - First meeting of Board of Trustees. Roles of Committees of the Board of Trustees defined. Committee Chairpersons appointed.