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For many years, we have been exploring ways to expand upon the church's 120-year history of community ministry and service.

We are in negotiations about a long-term partnership with The Compass School of Texas. For Northway, hosting the school will expand mission reach and provide sustainable revenue. For Compass, the expanded space will support the school's growth as a Pre-K through 8th grade school that preserves the school community's warmth and connection to nature. Northway is going through the permitting process and we look forward to sharing more about this project in the days and weeks to come.

Last night, the Board voted to approve a plan to close the Day School and upgrade the campus. As part of that plan, the Day School will close in May 2027. The Compass School plans to begin the 2027 school year on our campus.

The Day School has played an important role in the community, and this decision was not made lightly. The church board is responsible for making decisions in the best interest of the church, and a ministry cannot flourish if it is missionally strong but financially fragile.

Church members are aware that this decision has been years in the making. For the last 3 years, Northway has undertaken an increasingly intense project of self-reflection due to financial strain. This decision allows us to focus on ministry and the future of the church.

For Day School families, we recognize this will feel sudden. We are sharing this information now to provide as much time as possible for families to make plans.

We are committed to working with the school's staff members over the coming months to support them through the transition.

These changes would be undertaken with great effort to minimize the impacts – traffic, construction, noise – for our members, Day School families and neighbors. As we move forward with the project, we plan to communicate transparently and frequently. For those with questions, or who want to learn more, please contact us through pathforward@northwaychristian.org.

Grace and Peace,

Paul Schmidt
Northway Christian Board Chair