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Accreditation Status Change Frequently Asked Questions

Question 1: Will Pine Forge Academy merge with Blue Mountain Academy?

Answer: No. Neither the North American Division Adventist Accreditation Agency nor the Columbia Union Office of Education have made a formal recommendation for a school merger.

Question 2: Will AECOE permit G. E. Peters and Ivy Hill Christian Academy to expand to grade 12?

Answer: Mr. John Alberty, the Superintendent of AECOE schools, stated that no AEC elementary school has applied to expand to include upper grades. He stated that G.E. Peters is conducting a building renovation that may allow expansion to a junior academy (up to grade 10). Please contact his office with additional questions.

Question 3: Can we contact Principal Hughes regarding school matters?

Answer: Yes. You may contact her. She will continue to provide executive leadership through the end of her current contract.

Question 4: Will the Academy preserve the current academic, spiritual and extracurricular quality? How so?

Answer: Yes. The Academy, with the collaboration of the Pine Forge Academy Board of Trustees (PFABOT) and affiliated experts, will conduct research in order to streamline the academic program for maximum efficiency and program quality. The academic rigor and core instructional and spiritual programs will not be placed in jeopardy.

Question 5: Will all parents be expected to enroll in FACTS in August 2018?

Answer: Yes. To improve the Academy cash flow and to ensure maximum student account collections, all families will be asked to enroll in an online payment tuition program. We have heard parent concerns and will research the best possible vendor to ensure accurate and timely invoices. We may or may not continue to use FACTS. All parents can expect to participate in a personalized financial plan at the beginning of the school year. Some families may be asked to provide financial documents such as a W2 in order to adequately assess financial need.

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**Question 6: What's wrong with Allegheny East Conference (AEC) supporting the Academy?
Why is that financial support in contest?**

Answer: AEC is dedicated to the preservation of the only historically Black Seventh-day Adventist boarding academy. As such, AEC invests between \$600,000 - \$1,200,000 annually. NAD AAA would like to see the Academy improve tuition collection and strengthen other financial processes in order to rely LESS on AEC.

Question 7: Has the Academy considered renewable energy as an income source.

Answer: Yes. The Academy does not have the current investment funds to pursue this opportunity. The Academy, along with the PFABOT, will continue to investigate the following enrollment and income revenue sources:

- International Student Recruitment
- Online Student Educational Programs
- A Viable and Efficient Student Work Program
- A Campus Industry (Farm, Garden or Otherwise...)
- Development Office Grant Work, Corporate Partnerships and Alumni/Supporter Philanthropy

Question 8: Is the Academy in jeopardy of closing?

Answer: No. The Academy is dedicated to meeting as many of the NAD AAA accreditation recommendations as possible in anticipation of the 2019-2020 NAD AAA return visit. We believe the NAD and CUOE understand the importance and legacy of Pine Forge Academy and are committed to preserving the Academy as much as we are. We are optimistic that as we meet their requirements they will restore our status. We do ask for your proactive and tangible support.

How can you help? In the following ways:

- **Sign up to be a recurring donor to Pine Forge Academy!** As little as \$5, \$10, \$20 a month helps! <https://wallet.subsplash.com/ui/embed/M7ZQST>
- **Live locally, volunteer at the Academy!** Provide relief to the deans, substitute for teachers when sick, drive the choir and sports teams to events. Every volunteer opportunity helps the Academy.
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