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Important Message for the Crown Point Christian School Community Articulating Vision for CPCS Strategic Plan and Facilities Expansion

Dear CPCS Friends and Family,

As we humbly stand in awe of God's overwhelming grace, faithfulness, and sovereignty of now more than 100 days of in-person learning, we are reminded of the tremendous blessing it is to serve His school and His children at Crown Point Christian School. This school year has proven challenging, yet rewarding; difficult, yet uplifting; complicated, yet enduring. We praise God for the perseverance of CPCS faculty, dedication of CPCS staff, devotion of CPCS coaches and volunteers, and prayerful support of CPCS parents and guardians. Only with these resources, by the grace of God, have we been able to continue our focus on the growth, improvement, and future of Crown Point Christian School.

Luke's gospel includes Jesus' admonition: "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." Luke 12:48(b) NIV. Often, application of this parable comes on the topic of material wealth. But Jesus intends a deeper instruction. Jesus instructed a manager, appointed by his master, charged with stewarding all of the master's possessions until the master returns. Christians are exactly those servant-managers charged with stewarding all God's resources given to us ("The earth is His, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it..." Ps. 24:1), and much will be demanded of us. We, as a Board of Trustees, are entrusted with educating Christian children, and growing God's kingdom through it; and much more will be asked of us. With this charge at our forefront, we, as a Board, endeavor to improve and sustain CPCS for the future ("Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." I Cor. 4:2).

Strategic Planning

Through prayerful stewardship of Christian education at CPCS, the Board of Trustees has partnered with Christian school advisor, leadership and governance coach, and strategic planning consultant, Glenn Vos, to assist us in developing a strategic vision for the future of CPCS. Though still in early progress, the strategic vision will include a number of measurable guideposts toward achieving faith-rich learning in an environment of academic excellence. The strategic vision will be written in consultation with Mr. Vos with significant input from our incoming Head of School, David Te Grotenhuis. The plan will also be shared and feedback received from the CPCS Association, and only become binding after approval by the CPCS Board of Trustees. The process began with focus group meetings among faculty, staff, and members of the Association; and we look forward to further partnering with you in future development of the strategic vision.

Facilities Expansion / Construction Proposal

In addition to a formal strategic vision, we have taken significant steps toward preparing for construction of additional space at Crown Point Christian School. CPCS continues to grow in enrollment, exceeding 720 students. As a consequence of this blessing, CPCS is out of adequate space to efficiently and effectively educate our children. Our faculty graciously struggle through shared classrooms (most times in subject areas the shared space is not equipped to accommodate), technological shortcomings, creating spaces for teaching (even in a breezeway off the atrium), and outdated student services resources. Our administration also struggles for space, sharing the front offices among our Interim Co-Heads of School, Interim Elementary School Principal, Dual Language Immersion Point Person, Middle School Principal, school nurse, school counselor, and office staff. For these reasons, we propose construction of additional classrooms, multipurpose space, and bathroom facilities as well as improved and expanded office area. The construction proposal also includes a multifunction auditorium for chapel, educational presentations, and fine arts. A copy of the proposed rendering is included with this letter.

Conclusion

What's next? In strategic planning, we developed a foundation for preparing the first phase of the CPCS strategic vision, with more communication to come on this topic in the future. In the proposed construction, we plan to host multiple special meetings of the CPCS Association to present the construction plans, costs associated with the proposed construction, and address any comments, questions, or concerns. While the meetings may be held with a limited in-person audience, we hope to open the meeting to a much broader audience through videoconferencing or live streaming services.

Christian education remains fundamental to the heart and growth of Crown Point Christian School. It is to be held tightly and guarded (Prov. 4:13). We strive to protect Christian education at CPCS through the development of measurable guideposts toward academic excellence as well as expansion of adequate facilities in which to carry out that education, all while partnering with our administration, faculty, staff, supporters and you, the parents and guardians of God's children.

Blessings to you all,

Board of Trustees
Crown Point Christian School