

March 21, 2020

Dear Central Christian Community,

Central Christian School stepped *Forward in Faith* last fall in a major capital campaign to make much needed updates to the school building that has served Central Students for generations. Central's community has overwhelmingly affirmed and supported the project, having already raised \$3.4 million towards the goal of \$3.9 million in cash and pledges. Central has already received \$1,359,000 in paid pledges, which is held in a designated Renovation Fund.

And then came the Coronavirus and all the unprecedented changes that no one ever anticipated. In light of this changing reality, Central Christian's Board of Trustees has made the proactive and difficult decision to postpone the start of the Forward in Faith Renovation Project, which had been slated to begin on May 4.

The Board has committed that all Renovation funds received will continue to be set apart and used exclusively as the funds were designated for the Forward in Faith Renovation Project. This will happen on a future schedule planned around the school's and the contractor's mutual schedule requirements. The plans and the purpose for the Forward in Faith Renovation remain as clear as ever.

The forward-thinking decision of Central's Board allows the school to plan clearly for the future without the ambiguity of the unknown. Central will continue to use our building in it's current state for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board also revised the school calendar for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year in light of the current disruptions. **School will begin on August 19, 2020 rather than after Labor Day as previously announced.**

Keeping a stable environment for one more year will help CCS students, families, and employees recover from the disruptions of this Spring. In a time of constantly changing plans, economic uncertainties, and deep disappointments, this decision allows for better planning for the sake of the CCS school community. Clarity and freedom from ambiguity will allow for a better future outcome.

If you have already pledged and supported the Renovation Fund, we continue to count on you for this project's success. Your giving is secure in a designated fund and will not be used for other purposes. Central is nearing the goal and we look forward to completing the project.

We are sad and we are disappointed because of the need to postpone the project. It is one more challenge in the midst of many challenges our community and our world are facing.

Thank you for your strong support of the CCS Auction, which supports the annual costs of education for Central students through the Fair Balance Fund. We are so thankful that because of an early decision to go online, this important event could continue with over 200 households participating in bidding. The funds raised in the Auction will help to see Central through this challenging time.

We trust that God is with us and that His presence will embrace us.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi
Superintendent and Elementary School Principal