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Dear WCS families,

I want to thank you on behalf of the school board for your support and patience as we pursue this endeavor to make Woodland Christian School an independent Christian school. I am so excited about our future and humbled by God's grace in this process. Not only do I want to share some of the progress that has been made, but I also want to share the heart of what we are trying to accomplish for the future of this school.

We are convinced that Woodland Christian School needs to provide a different educational experience for our children. While we believe that WCS has done this well to date, we must not rest in the position that we have achieved the very best that we can be. That being said, we need to continually examine how we can improve. It is the desire of the entire school board that our academics exceed those standards found in the public arena. When the world sees the character of our students, staff and board, they must see a difference – one that points to Christ. We must be committed to selfless sacrifice and service to others; not only to those that are involved in this wonderful ministry, but also to the community in which we find ourselves. Finally, we must stand firm in our faith that the God who created the Heavens and Earth cares so very deeply about this ministry and the lives that we can impact through it. We, as a board, truly believe that in Christ, our children can change the world. What a privilege it is to be a part of your lives, your children's lives, and to be a part of what God is doing here at WCS.

With this in mind, the board has developed a leadership team for the next school year that we believe will help us reach this vision. It is our hope that this step will be the first of many that will help WCS be all that it can be. The leadership team consists of: Justin Smith, Lila Lemenager, Cathy Geiser, Sue Kowes, Michelle Booth, and Doug Brown.

Doug Brown will administer the high school and will oversee the accreditation process. Michelle Booth will continue to be the Guidance Counselor for our high school students, but will also be an Instructional Leader, developing a program for teacher mentoring/development and overseeing our curriculum K-12. Justin Smith will be the administrator for the K-8 grades. Justin brings a wealth of passion, energy, ideas and vision for WCS. Lila will continue to administrate the preschool and will also assist Justin with administrative work at the elementary school. Cathy Geiser will be an Instructional Leader for K-5 and will assist Justin with the elementary school.

The most significant change as we move forward has to do with Sue Kowes. It is the belief of the board that one of the most important areas where we can improve upon is in the area of student programs. We need to offer opportunities for our children and develop partnerships within our community. This is an enormous challenge for WCS, and we are pleased to announce Sue Kowes, who is very gifted in the area of programs, has accepted this challenge. Not only has she created

new programs at the elementary school (science programs, kids art programs, pancake day, bowling nights), but she has also done a phenomenal job leading our kids on trips such as Washington DC and Hume Lake. Sue will also be assisting Justin, Lila, and Cathy as they make this transition.

In addition to selecting the leadership team for the school, the board has been actively working on other tasks associated with this process. The bylaws for our school are finalized and have been posted on our website (www.woodlandchristian.org), along with the FAQ from the last Parent Information Night. The results of the school survey can be viewed on the website as well. We are in the process of selecting the leaders for each of the committees for the next school year and look forward to starting these soon.

Finally, the board is excited to announce we have added a new member. Jack Hamlin has agreed to serve on our school board. He brings a wealth of experience and a long history with WCS, having served as administrator for over 30 years.

As we have new information, we will certainly do our best to communicate this with you. In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the new school leaders or anyone on the school board.

We hope you have a great summer and we look forward to serving you and your children next year.

In Christ,

David Hargadon

FFE President