

March 23, 2020

Dear Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff,

The Discovery Christian Board commends you for your outstanding cooperation and support during these unusual times. The amount of change you have endured and the quick adaptation to the circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic is nothing short of impressive. We know that each of you in the Discovery Christian family understands what it means to place your trust in God and to do everything you can to take care of your families and help others at the same time. We see each of you making a difference, making sacrifices, and showing the love of Christ to those all around our community.

We want to express our sincerest thanks to our Co-Heads of School, Wendi Teten and Michele Thames, for their tremendous leadership of the faculty and staff during these past days. I do not know of any other independent school that has moved as quickly and efficiently as Discovery Christian has. Because of the quick response, Discovery Christian students have had to officially miss only one day of school thus far. Distance learning was implemented last Tuesday and the teachers are doing an amazing job at developing and improving this program every day.

Parents, we as a board are working hard behind the scenes to support and work with our Co-Heads of School as this is a tremendous taxing endeavor. We have been and will continue to participate in conference calls with MAIS leaders and are having regular meetings to address needs and situations the school is and will be facing. We have more meetings ahead where we will listen carefully and speak with officials that work for MAIS, our accrediting agency, bank officials, state officials, and medical officials that have the most relevant and current information as this pandemic continues.

As a board, we want to impress upon you the importance of understanding that Discovery Christian School is not a public school, and we will be making some decisions that public schools may not. Under no circumstances will we make decisions without having done our due diligence to ensure the measures taken are safe for your children.

Discovery Christian School has continued to provide an education to students. We have adapted to the circumstances just as each of your families have. Our teachers are continuing to teach from home and school, and our school administrators are still working long hours to keep things moving so your students will have a physical campus to return to when this pandemic is over. *Therefore, tuition payments will need to be made as usual. Services not rendered during this closing will not be charged to student accounts (ex. R.I.S.E., early arrival and afterschool).* Unlike public schools, independent schools such as ours are more like small businesses. It is our continued mission to provide DCS students with outstanding educational instruction, built on Christian principles and functioning in the safest way possible.

The Discovery Christian Board, administrators, teachers and staff are working around the clock for each of you. We will continue to update you with as much information as we can as these events unfold.

Blessings,

Joe Germany  
Board Chairman