



AN UPDATE SINCE THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wow, what an announcement at the membership meeting back in May! Many of us were in awe at the amount raised so far, but why should we be? We have put our faith in God, circled our campaign in prayer, and He has answered those prayers. Our man-made goal has been far surpassed, but the campaign continues as we now pursue the greater plan that God has for HCS. Since the announcement, many more pledges have been received and visits continue to be made to ensure everyone has an opportunity to be part of God's great purpose for us.

When we began this process over two years ago, we developed an initial renovation design which was scaled back when it was determined in the pre-campaign assessment that we should work with a \$3M goal. Maybe we were too cautious, but that is part of our job as a board; to be good stewards of God's resources. That will not change. However, as God is leading us to something much bigger, we have collaborated with the staff and others, and have identified exciting new opportunities that will further enhance our learning environment:

- the addition of two more classrooms
- the two kindergarten rooms have been enlarged
- a new lounge area that will be a focal point for student gatherings and activities;
- a new firewall to allow for the current and future expansion.

This new plan now reflects a \$4.6M project. It is a fluid one that can be easily modified by adding to, or reducing, a specific area. Our campaign volunteers will continue to make visits working toward this new goal. Depending on how God's plans come into focus, we will, over time, finalize the new building plans that fit with His blessings for our school.

As many of you have heard me and others say before, God only gives us what we need when we need it. I believe He will provide what we need for the ultimate plan that He has for HCS. He is opening our eyes to what He has set out for us. We are not finished yet; we are not yet as good as we are going to get and we are making progress down the right road – God's road. It's for that reason that I am looking forward to the next phase of our capital campaign.

Paul Vandendool
Board Chair

WE NEED YOU!

Campaign activities will continue throughout the summer months and we need you! Please think about joining our hardworking campaign team. Canvassers are asked to make up to 5 visits and share the HCS and campaign story. Training is provided!



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IMPACT ON STAFF

With the wonderful revelation of God's great plan for Huron Christian School I thought I would take a moment to ask the front-line workers at the school - the teaching staff, what the success of the capital campaign means to them. The following is a summary of their responses:

- It shows the work I do on a daily basis is incredibly important to so many people. I am humbled again that I am trusted with teaching and guiding these young lives. I am inspired to carry on and strive to do my best.
- Kindergarten washrooms - who knew you could be so excited about washrooms!
- I look forward to seeing the impact of specialized classrooms in shaping the culture of HCS.
- My first reaction was, "That's unbelievable!" However, the news has also strengthened my faith in this community, in this school, and in the blessings which come from our Lord.
- It's humbling. What makes us so special that we get to experience this awesome miracle? It is a bit overwhelming and makes me feel God has some pretty amazing plans for HCS.
- Supporters of the school have faith the staff members are doing a good job and fulfilling God's plans. Generations after me will be talking about this.
- I realize this school has a rich heritage and a community of believers who want to see it continue to make an eternal impact on children. The Student Services room will include occupational/ physiotherapy equipment so children with those needs can benefit.
- Making education and learning impactful and relevant is something that drives me in the classroom, and the renovations will just increase the possibilities.
- This school is here because God needs it to be; reaching the campaign goal in just 8 months tells me that our God is great.
- The best part of the campaign for me is the desire to share its successes with schools in the Dominican Republic.

Recently, students in the primary end were reciting their year-end memory work. One line stood out for us as staff – "My cup overflows..." Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Nick Geleynse
Principal



We give our heartfelt thanks to those who are sharing their time and talents.

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SUMMER CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

Our campaign volunteers will continue making visits through the summer months as we still have many people to share the HCS story with. Please welcome them into your home when they call. Or, feel free to contact a campaign volunteer listed above if you would like a visit! Our next campaign newsletter will be in September. On behalf of all campaign volunteers, we wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer!