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Dear GCA Family and Friends,

With a new school year upon us, the Grace Christian Academy School Board felt it was important to reach out and share a little about who we are and the role that our Board fills.

## **Who We Are**

Our School Board is a group of volunteers who are parents of current and former GCA students, and each one of us has personally seen the impact that our incredible GCA staff, teachers and coaches make in the lives of our students. We have seen them pour into our own children as well as countless others. Make no mistake, they are making an impact on eternity.

Our Board Manual serves as our governing document, and our role is to provide strategic leadership as opposed to administrative detail. In conjunction with the pastors of Grace Baptist Church, we help provide oversight and accountability to the Head of School, while empowering the GCA Administrative team as they oversee the day-to-day operations of GCA. We believe an effective School Board spends more time looking outward and forward instead of inward and backward. That said, our School Board has organized various committees including Finance, Personnel and Strategic Planning so that we can better focus our efforts and positively impact GCA's future in these critical areas.

The School Board consists of eleven to fifteen members, and members serve three-year terms. There is no limit on the number of terms that a member can serve, but a member cannot serve more than two consecutive terms without taking at least one year off from serving on the

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School Board. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that there is consistency in the composition of the School Board while still allowing the opportunity to add new members.

New School Board members are nominated on an annual basis and are appropriately vetted by School Board and Grace Baptist Church. Generally, School Board members must also be members of Grace Baptist Church, but up to two may be members of other, local church congregations which are aligned with the mission and vision of GCA and Grace Baptist Church. Recognizing the partnership between GCA and GBC, the Senior Pastor of Grace Baptist Church is a permanent member of our School Board.

## **What We Do**

First and foremost, GCA is a ministry of Grace Baptist Church. Because we are a ministry, our school's mission is "To lead students to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, to build them up to their full potential in Him and to equip them to serve Him". This mission is closely aligned with our vision: "We are dedicated to being a distinctively Christian Academy that provides an educational experience which develops students who are committed to changing the world for Christ!" You will find our mission and our vision everywhere-- our website, our publications, our walls, our crest. We strive to incorporate the mission and vision of GCA into everything we do.

With this in mind, the School Board's primary responsibility is to protect our school's mission and help facilitate the vision that God has for Grace Christian Academy in an effort to ensure GCA's long-term viability and sustainability. This can only be accomplished by God's grace and

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by building successful, collaborative partnerships between the School Board, Grace Baptist Church, the GCA administration, faculty, staff and alumni as well as the GCA community at large.

## **We Want to Hear from You**

Our School Board really does want to hear from you. You help keep us accountable, and we rely on you to tell us about things you see God doing on our campus and beyond. The best way to do that is through our email address: [gcaschoolboard@gcarams.org](mailto:gcaschoolboard@gcarams.org). Our School Board does not pretend to have all the answers, but we know the God who does, and we are committed to earnestly seek His will and direction for GCA and for each member of our community.

In closing, we need your prayers. Please commit today to partner with us as we lift up our administration, faculty, staff and students in your prayers and with your encouragement. There is no doubt that Grace Christian Academy is a special place. God is working, and great times are ahead of us!

For His Glory,

The 2019/2020 GCA School Board

Dr. Bobby Lewis, Jr.

Senior Pastor, Grace Baptist Church

Rodney Arnold

Lead Pastor, OneLife Church

Chad Baker

Owner, First Source Properties

Jeff Bryant

Teacher, South Doyle High School

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