



# School Board Update

November 2024

Dear Hudsonville Christian School Community,

It is a joy to welcome you to a new school year at Hudsonville Christian School! We've had an incredible start, with more students joining our community than we anticipated—a true blessing and testament to God's faithfulness. Seeing our halls filled with eager learners reminds us of the privilege we have to partner with each of you in nurturing young hearts and minds for Christ.

We're also grateful for our dedicated staff and support team, who have worked tirelessly to ensure each student is known, loved, and equipped to learn and grow in a Christ-centered environment. Their commitment to the mission of HCS shines through daily, and it is a blessing to see how God uses their gifts to impact students' lives. Please join us in praying that God continues to guide and strengthen them throughout the year.

Thank you for being a part of this special community. We look forward to all that God will do in the lives of our students and families in the months ahead! We invite you to explore the report and contact any of our School Board members with any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

Chad VanSomerén, President  
Hudsonville Christian School Board

## Key Activities

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As with most summer seasons, the primary focus of the School Board over the last few months has been on expediting campus security measures, facilitating building and grounds projects, and progressing on a few remaining Strategic Plan initiatives. Here are some highlights from the last six months for you to be aware of:

1. **Middle School Project Completion.** We are truly enjoying the completion of the middle school building project. The building expansion, classroom remodels, and new outdoor learning spaces meet our students' needs and enhance their educational experience. Watching it come alive with students actively learning, collaborating, and engaging in this beautiful new space has been a joy.
2. **Building & Grounds Projects.** Since June, several building and grounds improvements have been finalized, contributing to a safer and more accessible camp. These updates include the new elementary west parking lot, a concrete sidewalk and entrance to the west gym, and a dedicated office for our early childhood

program. We are thankful for the financial support that has made these upgrades possible, improving the daily experience for our students and staff.

3. **School Safety.** The security committee has been hard at work, implementing essential safety measures to protect our students and staff. Enhancements this year include supplying two-way radios to key personnel, installing magnetic latches on early childhood classroom doors for potential lockdowns, adding security film to external windows and entrances, and increasing the number of security cameras around campus. We are also exploring more secure systems for entering and exiting the school buildings and reviewing ways to make pick-up and drop-off safer at the elementary building. We are grateful for the team's dedication to creating a secure learning environment for everyone.

## Looking Ahead

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In the coming months, the School Board will continue to invest in those ongoing efforts mentioned above. In addition, our focus will be on:

- **Finalizing Strategic Plan Components:** One important goal is to strengthen relationships with local churches represented within our HCS family. To support this, we're forming a Church Partnership Committee to help grow and nurture these connections, fostering a deeper sense of unity and shared mission with our broader faith community.
- **Addressing Increased Need for Financial Assistance:** This year, the need for tuition assistance is greater than ever, while available funds are lower than in previous years. We're committed to exploring ways to help bridge this gap and ensure every family has access to Christ-centered education at HCS.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we work on these areas for the good of our school community!

## The 2024-25 HCS School Board

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We would value connecting with you if you have any questions or ideas you would like to put before the HCS School Board. Reach out to any of our School Board members using the contact information below.

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