



BOARD UPDATE

Welcome from the Board of Directors

Dear ACA Families,

As we begin a new school year, the Board of Directors at Ankeny Christian Academy is filled with excitement and anticipation for what lies ahead. Over the summer, we've been prayerfully finalizing our priorities and goals, all with a calling of preserving the mission and values of ACA and supporting our Head of School, Mr. Knoll.

This year, our work will center around executing the [strategic plan introduced in June](#). We invite you to join us on **Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 PM** for a special meeting where we will walk through our initiatives this coming year that support the strategic plan.

Communication

We are committed to keeping our ACA families informed and engaged. Here's how we'll be communicating this year:

- **Board Meeting Communication:** Typically held on the first Thursday of each month. Agendas will be shared in advance, and recaps will be included in the following week's *Eagle Update*.
- **Association Meetings:** Formerly known as Fireside Chats, we'll host two association meetings—one in September and one in January—in addition to our Annual Meeting in May.
- **Coffee Chats:** On the first Saturday of each month in October, November, and December, board members will be available at a local coffee shop for informal conversations and questions. If they are well attended, we will look to continue these into the second semester. We welcome your participation—details coming soon!
- **New Communication Opportunities:** In partnership with the leadership team, we will be trying new, broader communication initiatives this year, such as podcasts, website enhancements with parent resources, and more. Be on the look out for ACA leadership team update meetings that will focus on keeping the Association up to date on activities and strategies happening within the school.

Our Strategic Priorities

This year, the board will concentrate on four key areas:

- **Current and Future Facilities:** We're actively working to address both short-term and long-term space needs.
- **Culture and Communication:** Through our Champions program, we'll gather feedback and guide our efforts to strengthen ACA's culture. We also plan to expand our communication channels, including written and video updates throughout the year.
- **Advancement:** Fundraising and advancement are essential to achieving our strategic goals. We'll partner with administration to develop a sustainable advancement plan.
- **Board Governance:** We continue to refine our role, striving to operate at a governance level that empowers our administration to lead and manage the school effectively.

We are grateful for your continued support and partnership. Together, we look forward to a year of growth, collaboration, and Christ-centered excellence.

In His Service,
The ACA Board of Directors



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