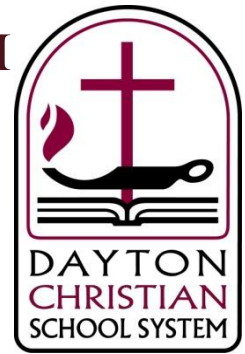


# DAYTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Dear School Family,

Acceptance has been the character quality for the month of September. Your student has been taught that this means “*Realizing and treating all people as made in God's image (James 2:1). Christ showed his Servanthood by providing salvation for all people.*” As I walk around the hallways of our campuses, I often see this character quality manifested. The following is also one observation of acceptance by a DC teacher:

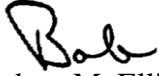
“I wanted to let you know about a compassionate and patient young lady in my class. In two of her classes, she sits next to a student with some special needs who often needs some extra help. She very patiently helps him stay on task, answers questions, and offers assistance. She does much of this without even being asked. I can see God using those wonderful qualities in a big way some day as she decides what God wants her to do as an occupation or ministry.”

One can also consider the word “acceptance” as a negative aspect. For example, I do not want us to become lax or accepting of anything less than what God has called us to be. As I encouraged my fellow DCSS employees during our annual Orientation, we must strive for excellence. Philippians 4:8 states: “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” Paul says we are to think about such things. I want us to DO such things! From facilities to academics, from sports to fine arts, we are to strive to be the schools of choice and centers of excellence! This requires all of us working together, diligently, consistently, and constantly giving of our time, talents, and financial gifts as God leads us.

Becoming centers of excellence does not happen overnight, nor does it happen in a financial void. We are still fully dependent upon making up the tuition gap with donations from our friends and families as well as with intercession from our prayer warriors. This year’s annual fund goal is \$585,000, which represents approximately \$397 per student. We have invested in three vital areas that I believe our families and donors will be glad to support. These include essential facility improvements at both the Dayton Christian and Xenia Christian campuses, costing nearly \$200,000. Again this year, about \$150,000 has been allocated for faculty pay stipends attending to special financial needs. The remaining \$235,000 is included to offset a small portion of Tuition Assistance for families with financial needs. Please consider what you can do to support these areas of importance.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you. I look forward to seeing your children grow in wisdom and stature, taking on godly characteristics such as acceptance as they are educated in one of our schools. The apostle Paul stated, "But to each of us grace has been given, as Christ apportioned it. May we embrace that grace and work together diligently to honor and elevate the name of Jesus" (Ephesians 4:7).

Gratefully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a large initial "B" and a smaller "ob".

Robert M. Elliott  
President/CEO