



November 13, 2019

Dear LCA families,

This year marks LCA's 18<sup>th</sup> year of operation. There is much to celebrate in what has taken place in the lives of the many students and families that have been a part of the LCA family over the years. However, we are writing to you today to share with you some sad news concerning the future of LCA. As a result of many hours spent in discussion and prayer over the past several months, it is with great sadness that we share with you that Landenberg Christian Academy will close at the completion of the 2019-2020 school year.

While one of LCA's greatest strengths is our small class size and excellent teacher-student ratio, over the past 3 years, LCA has struggled with significantly low enrollment numbers. Sadly, decreasing enrollment is not just a challenge that LCA is facing, but it is an obstacle that Christian schools nation-wide are experiencing. Despite an increase in marketing efforts, LCA has not seen a rise in our overall enrollment over the last 6 years. In recent years, we have done whatever we have been able to do to trim expenses, including pay decreases rather than pay raises for our amazing staff, while working effortlessly to continue to provide the same quality program for our students. We have truly worked hard to keep our doors open as we have prayerfully sought to fulfill the mission of LCA. Unfortunately, we have come to the point of having to make this very difficult decision.

It was our desire to share this news with you as early as possible to give our families plenty of time to explore options for the 2020-2021 school year and beyond. There are several excellent Christian Schools in our area who have agreed to work with our families to provide transition opportunities to one of their schools. More information on these schools will be coming home soon.

While our hearts are sad to share this news with you, we want you to know that we look forward to the remainder of this school year and are fully committed to continuing the excellent educational program LCA provides to our students.

The board invites all LCA families to an informational meeting on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to answer any questions you may have. Please continue to pray for the Lord to lead, guide and direct our school through this time. Although it is with a sad heart that we share this news, we remain hopeful and trust that the Lord has a great plan for each and every one of our families at LCA. We hold fast to the promises of God's word that point to the One who has a good and perfect plan for each of our lives. *"For I know the plans I have you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11*

In Him,

Dale Lowe  
LCA School Board