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WHY DO YOU FEEL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?

Christian education is important because it develops the whole child academically, morally, and spiritually. It provides a strong foundation of faith-based values, character, and service. As a product of SCHS, I valued the lessons I learned from my teachers that were focused on education rooted in God's word. I also valued the way the community wrapped their arms around me through good or bad, with support rooted in shared faith and values. I want those things for my children.

EDUCATION AT SOUTH CHRISTIAN IS BASED ON A REFORMED UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE AND THE WORLD. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU, AND HOW DOES THIS MAKE SOUTH CHRISTIAN DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL HIGH SCHOOLS?

A Reformed understanding of Scripture means recognizing God's rule over all of life and viewing learning as a way to glorify Him. I believe at SCHS, faith is integrated into every subject and all extracurricular activities.

HOW IS YOUR LIFE CHRIST-CENTERED?

My faith in Jesus directs my daily decisions, the way I conduct my job, the way I raise my children, the way I treat others as well as all the other categories in my life. Although I fail at times, I try my hardest to show Christ's love through my interactions.

WHAT SPECIFIC SKILLS OR ABILITIES DO YOU SEE YOURSELF BRINGING TO THE BOARD? (Examples might include education, legal, finance/budgeting/planning, building facilities, fundraising, promotion or marketing, strategic planning, interpersonal skills.) ALSO, IDENTIFY ANY LEADERSHIP OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN.

I've been a teacher for 22 years and a coach for 21. I understand how successful schools are run, and I think I would have a good idea of how the teachers of SCHS feel and how we can best support them. I understand athletics at SCHS. Most importantly, how our athletics can excel while focusing on growing the athlete spiritually and with good values. I have a real interest in all areas dealing with construction and consider myself forward-thinking and handy, so I would be comfortable being on the building facilities committee. As a former student and coach at SCHS, I feel like I am in a good position to promote SCHS because I have seen firsthand how wonderful the school is and the benefits Christian schooling and athletics can bring.

WHAT CHALLENGES DO YOU SEE FACING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN GENERAL (AND SOUTH CHRISTIAN SPECIFICALLY) IN THE COMING YEARS? FEEL FREE TO SHARE IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE FOR FACING THESE CHALLENGES.

In general, I think the cost for education could deter some individuals if they don't understand or see the benefits of Christian education. It can always be difficult in a secular world to make sure that Christ stays at the center of all we do. Making sure we retain and hire Christ-centered teachers.