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WHY DO YOU FEEL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?

It provides a strong foundation rooted in biblical truth, helping students grow in character and integrity.

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 and the world means recognizing God's sovereignty over all of life and viewing every subject, activity, and relationship through the lens of God's Word. It affirms that all truth is God's truth and that faith is not limited to chapel or Bible class, but intentionally integrated into academics, athletics, arts, and daily life. This makes South Christian different because it focuses on forming students whose faith shapes how they think, live, and engage the world.

HOW IS YOUR LIFE CHRIST-CENTERED?

I try to live a Christ-centered life by honoring God in my daily actions, decisions, and in how I lead my family, business and serve others.

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 bring experience in strategic decision-making and facilities oversight through my role as president of two companies, where I am responsible for planning, budgeting, and leading day-to-day operations. I regularly make decisions that require careful planning and long-term thinking. I also have prior school board experience, having served as both a board member and board president at Dutton Christian School. In addition, I have coached track and field at Dutton Christian School and cross country for South Christian feeder schools. I have also been involved in various volunteer roles over the years, including serving on church council.

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.

Christian education faces several challenges in the coming years, including rising operational costs, facility needs, enrollment, and increasing cultural pressures that can make it difficult to remain firmly rooted in biblical truth. For South Christian specifically, maintaining strong enrollment while managing facilities and staffing costs will require strategic decisions. I believe these challenges can be addressed through clear mission alignment, disciplined financial planning, proactive facilities planning, and strong partnership with families, churches, and the school community. Clear communication, transparency, and forward-thinking leadership will be essential in navigating these challenges while remaining faithful to South Christian's mission.