

Dear Society Members:

In many issues of *The Knightlife*, the Board will communicate different aspects of the work we are doing in an effort to keep you informed. John Linton, who chairs the Spiritual Evaluation Committee, has written the following article to explain our efforts to monitor and evaluate our achievement relative to specific Ends Statements, including those regarding Spiritual Development outcomes.

We welcome any questions or input. Keep in mind that there is a Board tab on the DC website (www.dccs.org) or you can contact any trustee individually by using the Board page in the DC directory or by e-mailing us at board@dccs.org.

In Him,

Chris Barbee
Board President

Ends Statement Monitoring

The Board defines and articulates its vision for DCCS through Ends Statements. Think of these Ends as “outcome” statements.

In partnership with the Christian family and the Church, DC strives to provide an environment in which students can maximize their educational abilities and achieve spiritual growth. As you heard at the Recommitment meeting, the Board believes that these are not separate objectives, but that Christ should be the center of everything. A series of Ends Statements is being developed to help guide the school in this respect. The first Ends Statement is 1.0 which states: “Educated students equipped to serve God.”

This statement was approved by the Board this past year, and has three supporting policy statements. The three supporting statements are:

- 1.1 Students who achieve their God-given, individual, academic, and vocational potential so that they are sufficiently prepared for college or as God leads them.
- 1.2 Students who have embraced salvation and are committed to Jesus Christ, governed by the Word of God, and led by the Holy Spirit.
- 1.3 Students who integrate their personal faith in Jesus Christ with the world around them by understanding who they are, what they should do and how they connect with the community around them.

Steve Dill will be reporting annually to the Board concerning his compliance with these objectives. The good news is that DC continues to spend a lot of intentional effort in providing an educational experience through a Christ-centered lens. Ends Statements are

a great way of communicating and connecting students, parents, teachers, administration, board and churches to our Mission statement.

To meet Ends Statements, additional emphasis will be placed on achieving key measures, both spiritual and academic, to ensure that the school is doing its best in supporting each child's God given talents. The Board has enlisted the support of an independent consultant who is helping to construct a questionnaire for the Spiritual Evaluation Committee (Peggy Bell, Gina Critchlow, Glenn Harper, Robert Jones, Molly O'Leary, Jim O'Neill, Mark Weaver, Carroll Wynne and Chuck Young) to measure how well the school is doing to achieve the desired outcomes relating to spiritual development.

Parents, students and teachers will be asked to complete a survey this spring. The survey will be completed anonymously and will be delivered electronically via the Web. We will survey grade 12 (on May 13), grade 9 (on May 20) followed by grades 6 and 4 along with select groups of alumni and parents. The students will take the survey during school hours in our computer labs. Board members will administer and proctor the survey. Detailed schedules will be provided to parents, students and teachers of the specific grades. The tallied results will be available in early fall.

The purpose of this survey is to:

- Provide a benchmark for comparative tracking in future years
- Measure how well we are currently meeting the objectives outlined in the Ends Statements
- React to unacceptable results with specific plans designed to deliver better results

Over time, the types of measurement will probably change as well as the frequency in measuring progress. However, the fundamental viewpoint will not. We want to make sure that as a community we are achieving DC's Ends Statement; "Educated students equipped to serve God." Please take a few moments to review the desired "Ends" as stated by the following Student Outcomes.

Delaware County Christian School

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