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The Tennessee Classical Model is a beautiful outdoor delivery of a content rich classical elementary education, making back-to-basics learning a dazzling experience for students.

Our mission at Ivy Academy's Skillern Elementary is to cultivate the body, mind, and heart of each student through a classical, content-rich education that nurtures moral and civic virtue in an immersive, outdoor environment.

In order to use our time tending to the mission of the school rather than defending ourselves from attempts to mischaracterize our efforts, we have terminated the agreement with Hillsdale that would have allowed us to use a program guide as a planning aid for our teachers. The program guide correlates secular texts commonly used in excellent public schools. The college was gracious to offer this guide and professional development, and our faculty benefited from this well-planned and content rich experience.

Using time tested approaches with data to back up their efficacy is what we are about. We do not wish to participate in media frenzies, because the job of educating students is too important for us to give attention to anything else. We support our teachers and recognize that excellent teachers are ultimately the reason that any school succeeds.

Our mission, our methods, and our dedication to using the very best educational texts remain the same. We are committed to an outdoor delivery of the classical, content-rich, elementary education, which our community has requested.

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