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STATEMENT BY THE CCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

COVID-19 has presented challenges to our society and to education in ways no one in our lifetimes has had to face, but we learn in the Biblical story of Queen Esther that we are all here “for such a time as this.”

We believe God, in His Providence, has placed Community Christian Academy in the position to lead the way in serving families in West Kentucky whose spiritual and educational values guide their worldview and their choices. To that end, we trust the Lord to care for our children and our faculty and to guide us to make wise decisions for those entrusted to CCA.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention¹ and the American Academy of Pediatrics² have released guidance that encourages a return to the classroom if those settings are clean and safe and conducive to social distancing. After a thorough review and revision of our cleaning practices and safety standards, the implementation of a mask policy for students in 6th-12th grades, and reworking classroom seating diagrams, we believe we can achieve a safe and healthy learning environment.

Studies released by the CDC show that children, particularly those under age 10, are not as susceptible to complications from COVID-19 as are adults. Additionally, children have not shown to be vectors for spread of COVID-19 to adults³.

Teachers are essential to enabling parents to return to work, and this is crucial to the recovery of our economy – locally, regionally, and nationally. We have surveyed our families, and parents have told us with overwhelming majority that they desire for their children to get back to school on time and to strive toward a school year as normal as practicable. We are offering an online option for those families who want their kids to wait for a while longer before returning, and we are prepared to return to non-traditional instruction with online delivery in the event of a spike in local COVID-19 cases. CCA does not have the same considerations that large public school systems face, and we affirm the decisions of our local boards of education in their choice to delay the start of school.

For these reasons and others, we believe that the time is right for most of our families to return their kids to the classroom for as long as it is safe and healthy to do so. We look forward to welcoming students back onto the CCA campus for in-person instruction to begin as previously scheduled on Wednesday, August 5.

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NOTE: Due to the pressures of the “back-to-school” schedule, individual administration or faculty members will not be available for comment. The CCA campus is closed to media.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/decision-tool.html>

² <https://www.aappublications.org/news/2020/07/10/schoolreentrysafety071020>

³ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/prepare-safe-return.html>