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Dear Modesto Christian families and community,

The Board is pleased to announce our decision to reopen for the first day of in-person, on campus school for grades K-12 on August 13, 2020. We arrived at our decision for on campus schooling based on prayer, discussion with our MC community and staff, assessment of our infrastructure, recommendations and guidelines from state and local health authorities, as well as monitoring current conditions and anticipated conditions based on national, state and local information, and more prayer. Reopening on campus will be in accordance with, and tailored to MC specifically, the recommendations and guidelines for safe school opening of our state and local health agencies, the CDC, and the thorough checklist provided by the Pacific Justice Institute.

We have missed you! Much of our decision-making was centered on the mental, social, and spiritual health that in-person education provides. We are very excited to share with you the hiring of campus pastors for our campuses. These dynamic and Spirit-led pastors will provide another resource for our students growing in their faith as well as students who may need some guidance during these challenging times.

Additionally, the physical health, safety and well-being of our community is of utmost importance to us. As noted above, we will be implementing many safety protocols that may change routines for this season, but are designed to protect our staff and our students and we know you understand this need for caution and prudence. Our administration will soon provide a detailed plan of the protocols to implement. Some safety guidelines include masks, as recommended per the guidelines, for teachers and staff or face shields, daily health screening for students whether via app and/or in combination with no touch temperature checks, the use of a Gen Ion Mister for use in our younger grades, social distancing, deep cleaning with CDC recommended cleaners, and robust hand sanitation requirements.

We are offering an independent study program for international students who cannot return to the United States at this time. We are also offering an independent study program using the Google Classroom online learning format for those students with compromised health conditions or for families or students not quite ready to return to on campus learning. Within the first 30 days, the Independent Study Program will be evaluated and, thereafter, on an ongoing basis to determine student need and effectiveness. Please contact Cynthia A. Jewell, our Interim Superintendent/Principal HS for more details on the plans for this program.

On a final note, please know that we are making every effort to provide a healthy environment for our campuses to minimize the transmission risk of COVID-19, while also providing a platform for spiritual growth and excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts. However, we must stress that we rely on your commitment as well to abide by the guidelines we set forth, to partner with us in making sure your student is not exhibiting any symptoms of the virus before coming to school, and to communicate with us on a timely basis should your child have any symptoms. We appreciate and thank you for your commitment to Christian education for your child(ren) and your prayers on behalf of our school.

May the LORD bless you and Modesto Christian School as we look to His future with eagerness and in faith.

In Faith and Trust,

The Board of Modesto Christian School