



PROVIDENCE  
CLASSICAL SCHOOL

**Annual Report**  
**2019-2020**



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## *Message from the Board*

Part of the purpose of our school is to provide a Christ-centered education, equipping our students with a Biblical worldview that enables them to discern and live truth; and never has there been a more apt time for us to come alongside them to do just that! When we look back on the year 2020, we see a year of challenges beyond what we could have imagined. For us, it was a year of mourning, as we lost some dear to our PCS community. It was a year of tough choices, difficult decisions, and a time for reflection. The Coronavirus was at the helm of it all. When our school closed in March by order of the Governor, the future of PCS was uncertain.

Our faculty and staff did a remarkable job transitioning to virtual instruction to finish the school year, but we knew this was not sustainable. We had to re-open, now more than ever, so our students could receive the education and Godly influence they needed to make sense of the new realities in our world.

***“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another —and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”***  
***Hebrews 10:24-25***

The lockdown was difficult for everyone, but it emphasized our need for human interaction and our longing for fellowship. While virtual learning worked for most, it was not operative for everyone, and it minimized who we were as a school. Again, we knew we had to return to face-to-face instruction. To do that, we had work to do!

We wanted to provide an environment that was not only safe physically, but spiritually and emotionally as well. We wanted to provide a school where the children could learn and play and not think about the existing chaos in the world. The challenge was making that happen during a pandemic. We knew that we had to have faith over every fear.

***“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7***

We put together a task force to explore, research, and select the best possible equipment and safety mitigation requirements to ensure the safety of our faculty, staff, and students. The task force came up with top-notch recommendations, but it came with a cost. We stepped out in faith and implemented the recommended measures so school could open in the safest possible manner.

Even with the extraordinary cost to reopen, we made a calculated decision not to raise tuition or charge any additional fees. We knew some of our families were financially impacted by the pandemic and we wanted to serve as many families as possible. Unfortunately, our budget has not yet recovered from the expenses of our COVID-19 school reopening plan. Quite honestly, we could use your help. We know we serve a God that will supply our needs. Perhaps He will use you to help.

We have asked ourselves if we made the right decision. We believe emphatically yes! Regardless of the future, we know that we have had a positive influence and been a light in the lives of our families and community. That in and of itself, made it all worth it. The stories of how families have been affected and the smiles of the children at school playing and learning have reassured us and strengthened our faith in God. So, what do we need from you?

First and foremost, your prayers. Pray that the Lord will continue to protect and bless us. Next, we need your generous financial gifts, above and beyond tuition to help recover the cost of opening safely. Soon we will be launching our annual fund campaign. Please pray about how much you will give. Finally, we need you to come alongside us in supporting our mission by volunteering your time and energy wherever needed! I promise, you will be blessed!

For the Board of Directors,

Raul Reyes, Board President



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## *Highlights from the Head of School*

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In March, our school along with most schools in the United States was ordered to shut down for a pandemic that none of us had ever experienced before. We were not sure what we were going to do, nor did we know just how long it would last. The Bible says in Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish..." We thank God for giving us a vision then and now. We continued to teach our students through virtual instruction. As of October 2020, we celebrate two months of face-to-face instruction all because God had a vision for us. We thank Him! Here are some highlights from the past year:

- Our graduates: were all accepted in four-year colleges/universities, had an average SAT score of 1209, and are currently studying art, journalism, business, music management, various kinds of engineering and medicine.
- Our graduates were honored with \$1,073,779 in scholarships.
- Three of our seniors were named Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- We celebrated our much loved clubs of: Archery, Art, Basketball, "Belongings" Bible Study, Chess, Choir, Drama, Fencing, Flight Club, Homework Club, MATHCOUNTS, Mind Storms, Music, Rock Club, Tech Team, Tae Kwon Do, Tennis, Theater Works and Worship.
- We hired a new Spanish Teacher to begin our modern language program with the offerings of Spanish I and II.
- We added Drama as an elective to the Rhetoric Fine Arts Program.
- We added the position of Assistant Head of School and were blessed that Mrs. Doreen Pacella filled that role.
- Mrs. Tori Delaney became our new Events Coordinator, and our first ever College Coordinator.
- Our teachers and administration attended the Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS) Conference and teacher training in Atlanta Georgia.
- The Veritas Chapel underwent a renovation to provide more seating.
- A new basketball court was provided for the dialectic and rhetoric school students. The court included a newly painted court with two new basketball goals.
- New lockers were purchased and added to building 6000 to accommodate the overflow of students.
- All classrooms were equipped with Crisis Management Emergency Flip Charts for trouble-free access to PCS Emergency Instructions.
- Providence worked collaboratively with WinShape Camp to bring the camp to the PCS campus for the summer of 2020.
- A PCS parent, Sandra Magda worked with PCS to sponsor *Save the Kids* with Colin Kartchner at Jamestown High School.
- SCOIR (college admission network) was introduced and used for rhetoric students to track their high school academics and activity profile to assist them in choosing universities that best fit their interests.
- Began yearlong textbook adoption process for science grades K-12.
- Meeting one of our Strategic Plan goals from last year, our marketing committee developed a holistic Marketing and Branding Plan. Many elements from it are already being executed to include launching a new website and planning for our rhetoric school's first ever Classical European Tour for Spring 2022.
- Our Marketing Committee also worked hard throughout the year to create a new branding for PCS that will include a change in the school's logo and new and established crests for each of our houses (Jay, Witherspoon, Henry, and Sherman).
- We have planned for and now implemented a violin program for our kindergarteners, first graders and second graders.
- An Accreditation Steering Committee worked on accreditation requirements to make us ready to apply for accreditation candidacy in the 20-21 school year. We are now a candidate for accreditation with ACCS.
- We planned and opened our first Preschool Junior Kindergarten program in Fall 2020.

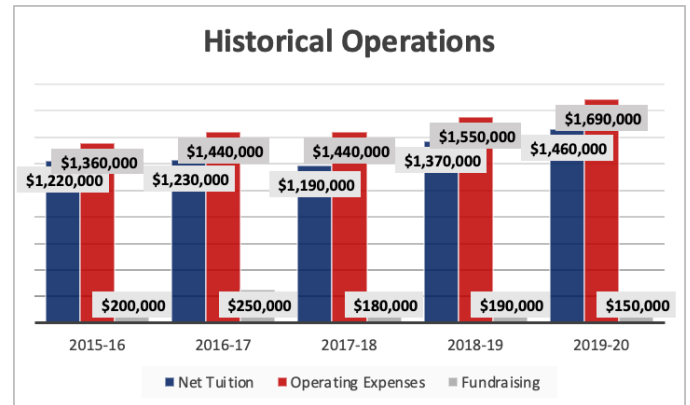


## Financial Report – 2019-2020 School Year

### Fiscal Year's End June 30, 2020

Providence Classical School (PCS) continues to meet our financial goals and budgetary needs through the generous support of our parents, grandparents, and friends of the school. The graph of tuition and fundraising plotted with operating expenses for the 5 most recent years shows 3 of the last 5 years ended with a budget surplus.

Looking forward, an unprecedented increase in expenses and a lack of reserves will put an added strain on our resources.



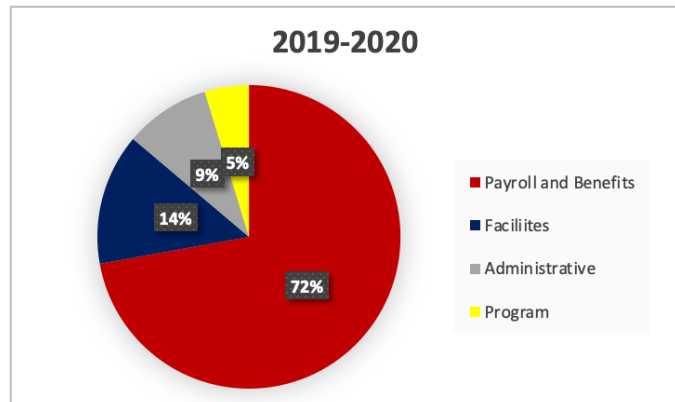
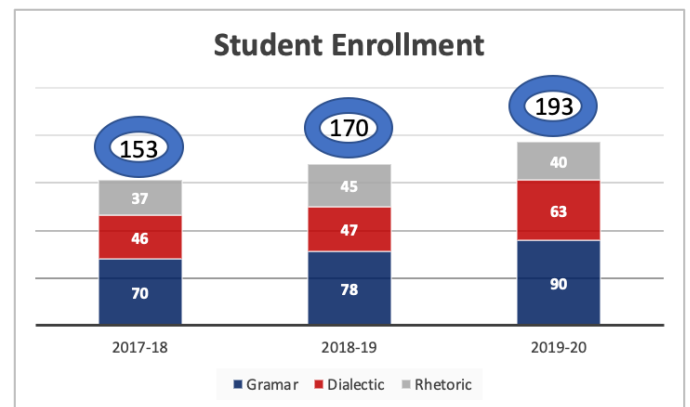
### Results from Operations

Significant enhancements were made to program offerings for the 2019-2020 school year resulting in an increase in operating expenses. Specifically, total expenses from 2019-2020 were \$1.7M, an increase of 10% from 2018-19. Staffing and facility related costs make up the majority of expenses annually at 72% and 14% of total expenses respectively.

The modest annual 2.5% tuition increase coupled with lower than expected fundraising proceeds given the cancellation of our Spring fundraiser meant that the 2019-2020 school year was positioned to end with a significant deficit. However, by God's grace, PPP Loan proceeds received at the end of the school year funded this gap and enabled the school to pay off debts from prior year's investments.

### Student Enrollment

A growing enrollment is the lifeblood of PCS. PCS has seen enrollment increase approximately 25% between 2017-18 and 2019-20. Our financial goal is to have tuition income exceed our operational expenses. In order to achieve this goal, we need to continue our growth in student enrollment.



### Gifts are Important

Fundraising is an integral part of our funding. Historically, tuition covers approximately 84% of costs. The remaining funds come from fundraising. Notable for 2019-20 was the establishment of a \$86K endowment in honor of the late Elaine Golden who loved PCS and served the school faithfully for many years. Thank you to all who have contributed!