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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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INTRODUCING THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FLATIRONS ACADEMY

Greetings Flatirons Academy Families,



I am in a great mood as I write this letter. Over the past few days, we have welcomed back more than five hundred students for the 2026–2027 school year. As I watch students pour into our building, I am reminded of God's care for multiple generations through our school, and I'm filled with great hope for what He will do through our community in the future.

For over a quarter of a century, Flatirons Academy has served Christian families and stood as a testament to God's faithfulness. Over the past year, our Board of Directors and leadership teams have reflected on how to build on this foundation to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead.

The result is a new strategic plan for Flatirons Academy entitled **Educating for Freedom**. This name comes from 2 Corinthians 3, where Paul writes:

"But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another."

This passage captures something essential about who we are and what we believe education is ultimately for.

Education is not simply about preparing students to get into college, get a job, or succeed in a competitive world. It is about becoming the kind of person who is free to know what is true, love what is good, and recognize what is beautiful. It is about knowing God through every thought, every action, and our vision for the good life.

Christian education, therefore, is about more than adding Bible classes to an otherwise conventional education. It is about seeing the whole world through the truth of Christ.

Our strategic plan begins with this conviction: *where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom*.

Our kids are growing up in a world designed to fracture their attention, dull their senses, and keep them in chains to the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, and the pride of life.

At Flatirons Academy, we want to grow the heart, soul, mind, and strength of each student. We want them to read widely and critically, write clearly and meaningfully, reason logically, think theologically, participate faithfully in the life of the church, create culture, and serve their neighbors as citizens of the republic.

In short, we want our students to be free to follow Jesus and do the things He said to do.

That vision requires more than maintaining what we have already built. It requires us to continually ask how we can become better stewards of the opportunities God has given us.

Our strategic plan identifies five priorities for the years ahead:

Christian Liberal Arts Education — *Libertas Per Disciplinam*

We will continue to pursue and refine an education that unifies knowledge through Christ, expands human capacities, and prepares students for lives of faithful discipleship.

Comprehensively Christian Formation — *Quaerite Primum Regnum Dei*

We will seek to make the Christian faith not merely one part of a student's experience, but the framework through which students understand God, creation, themselves, and their lives.

Thriving Faculty and Staff — *Labor Ipse Voluptas*

We believe the heartbeat of our school is our faculty and staff. We will invest in the people who teach, lead, serve, and care for our students.

Expanding the Kingdom through Christian Education — *Extendere Regnum Dei*

We believe Flatirons can become more than a single school. We will explore opportunities to expand access to excellent Christian education so that it becomes a default option for Christian families in our community.

Financial Stewardship and Advancement — *Ominus Providebit*

God has blessed Flatirons with remarkable growth over the past decade. We now have the responsibility to steward those blessings wisely, plan for the long term, and build a foundation that can sustain this mission for generations.

Over the next five weeks, I will use this space to introduce each of these five priorities in greater detail. We will talk about what each one means, why it matters, and some of the specific ways we intend to pursue it.

But I want to emphasize something before we move forward.

This strategic plan is not ultimately about buildings, programs, enrollment, finances, or organizational growth. Those things matter, and they are tools for accomplishing our mission. But they are not the mission itself.

Our purpose is to educate students who possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary for lifelong participation in the establishment of the Kingdom of God—as participants in the church, creators of culture, and citizens of the republic.

That is a high calling, and it is one we cannot accomplish by ourselves. It will require the partnership of our faculty and staff, our board, our churches, our families, and our entire Flatirons community. Most importantly, it requires the grace and faithfulness of God.

As we look toward the years ahead, I am deeply grateful for what God has already done at Flatirons Academy and excited about what He may be preparing us to do next.

Our hope is not simply to build a bigger school.

Our hope is to build a faithful school—one that helps generations of students know God with unveiled faces, behold the glory of Christ, and become increasingly like Him.

That is what we mean by Educating for Freedom.

Thank you for being part of this community and for allowing us to partner with you in the education and formation of your children. And thank you in advance for checking in over the next several weeks to learn more about who we are, where we are going, and how we are going to get there.

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