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**Dear GCS Parent,**

As we complete our first semester of 2017-18, it is now time to make plans for the 2018-19 school year! As you may remember, each year we send out our re-enrollment packet for current students electronically. One of the benefits of electronic re-enrollment is that your current information populates many of the forms, making the process much quicker for you.

Re-enrollment is a critical component in our admissions process, as we ascertain how many openings there will be in each of our classes for new students. Furthermore, because we have seen an increase in our enrollment over the past few years, we have far fewer openings in our current classes. As a result, we know we will not be able to accommodate as many families interested in enrolling students in Gaston Christian School. While we would love to have 100% re-enrollment, we know that some of you may be relocating or have made family decisions and will not be able to have your children attend GCS next year. ***Your prompt response is sincerely appreciated as we will open enrollment to the public on February 1.***

The re-enrollment fee is \$65 **if completed online by January 31**. The fee will increase to \$110 if paid during February and to \$220 if paid during March and thereafter.

One of the responsibilities of the Administration and Board of Trustees is to establish sound fiscal policies for the continual operation of Gaston Christian School. One of the major concerns of our Board is to keep tuition as low as we can in order to allow as many students as possible the opportunity to attend GCS. After careful analysis and many hours of discussion, you will notice a small increase in the tuition for the 2018-19 school year.

Our most treasured asset is our staff and faculty. Our new tuition schedule will allow for a small increase in salaries and benefits (our healthcare is expected to increase again in September) and the ability to offer additional opportunities for our students. Furthermore, our campus grounds and facilities have additional expenses which must be covered.

**While we need to institute this increase in order to operate our school, we also do not want higher tuition to prohibit any student from attending GCS. Financial aid is available to families who qualify; the application for financial aid for enrolled students is available through FACTS Management (link is on the school website). We encourage anyone who needs assistance to apply for financial aid.**

God has done wonderful things through our school over the past thirty-seven years, and we look forward to what He will do in the future. If you have any questions, please feel free to call my assistant, Debra Brown, to set up an appointment to discuss your concerns. May God grant us wisdom as we seek to honor Him in all that we do at Gaston Christian School.

**In His Service,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc Stout".

**Dr. Marc Stout  
Head of School**