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A note from Dr. Stout

I have some very exciting news to share with you. After many months of prayer and discussion, our Board of Trustees has voted to revise our mission statement for Gaston Christian School. Please know that our mission has not changed, but the new mission statement is much more succinct. We want every student, teacher, and parent to be able to readily share our mission with others. Hence, we present to you our new mission statement:

Gaston Christian School: Prepare People Teach Truth Glorify God

(Our previous mission statement: "The mission of Gaston Christian School is to help students mature spiritually and excel academically by offering a Biblically-integrated, college preparatory program that will enable them to impact the kingdom of God by living productive lives.")

Six words, but a lot of meaning in this statement.

Prepare People First, we see that our mission goes beyond the students of our school, but should also involve the parents. It also includes the local community. Wherever we can, we want to *prepare people* to be strong disciples of Christ.

Teach Truth With so much pressure to conform to the world, we want everyone associated with Gaston Christian School to truly understand our commitment to *teach truth*. We start by truly understanding that God made man in His image and we are committed to teach all subjects with that presupposition. Genesis 1 says, "In the beginning God" we likewise will always seek to honor him in our educational program at Gaston Christian School.

Glorify God Scripture says that we are to "*give him glory, honor and praise*" (Revelation 5:12). That is our desire as a board, administration and faculty. We want to see the name of Jesus lifted up on our campus. We want to glorify God in our classroom, on the athletic field, and in the community. We are his ambassadors and in all things we want to glorify God.

As we embark on a new school year, please join me in celebrating our new mission statement and join the GCS family in putting this mission statement to memory and most importantly living it out on a daily basis.

To God be the Glory!

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

Dr. Marc Stout
Head of School