



## *Cornerstone Christian Academy of Camrose Society*

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Dear Parents,

This is a joint statement by the Battle River School Division Board of Trustees and the Cornerstone Christian Academy Society Board released to reaffirm to the school community that our two organizations are committed to moving forward together, in a positive way.

On Monday, June 19, representatives of our two groups sat at the table together to speak openly about the concerns of each our organizations. A productive dialogue occurred and both parties are eager to continue to work together.

It is Battle River School Division's goal to ensure that any programming provided at CCA school will be consistent with the past educational successes that have occurred over the previous 8 school years, and that CCA school will continue to build and improve on those successes in keeping with the school's well established values and traditions. Neither the Board nor BRSD employees will censor the reading or teaching of the Bible at Cornerstone School.

The Society affirms that it will support the Board in ensuring the respect of board policy and procedure, agreements between the parties, including the legal obligations set out in the Alberta Human Rights Act and the Alberta School Act. The parties agree to engage open, respectful and productive dialogue.

Monday's meeting ended on an optimistic note, with committee members from both parties focused on the common goals and feeling more settled and confident in our shared future. However, all of those at the table agreed there is more work ahead. Both parties have agreed that CCA school meets their respective goals and expectations. We have an excellent staff that is committed to CCA school.

The parties will continue to consult and discuss areas of concern with each other. The Society will be sharing information with Society membership and Battle River School Division will be sharing information with staff, but it is not the intention of either organization to speak publicly about the status of our discussions. Any inquiries from the public or the media will be answered with a brief statement that we have had a productive meeting and are looking forward to moving forward together. Both parties support CCA in achieving both the BRSD vision of Every Student, Every Day, A Success and the Cornerstone mission statement: Believing. Learning. Acting. Growing. Created by God to be an influence in the world.

Our respective groups have agreed to continue to meet and carry on the conversations that began on June 19th, 2017.

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Cornerstone Christian Academy Society

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Battle River School Division Board of Trustees

