WCCS Policy on Public Statements

Our Commitment to Clarity and Unity

Westminster Catawba Christian School is committed to providing a Christ-centered education grounded in biblical truth. This policy governs when and how WCCS takes official positions on cultural, social, or newsworthy matters. Routine communications, such as classroom instruction, newsletters, event announcements, and parent correspondence, are not subject to this policy.

When We Will Make Formal Statements

WCCS will issue formal statements on matters that:

- Directly affect our school operations (e.g., inclement weather delays, safety protocols).
- Directly affect our educational mission (e.g., policy changes, accreditation matters).
- Pertain to clear biblical teaching on which we have institutional consensus as articulated in our Statement of Faith.
- Impact the wellbeing of our school community and require pastoral leadership or clarification.
- Are required by law or regulatory authorities.

Only the Head of School, designated administrators, or the Board of Trustees are authorized to issue formal statements on behalf of WCCS.

When We Will Not Make Formal Statements

Our school will generally refrain from issuing formal statements on:

- Partisan political matters, particularly where Christians of good faith may disagree on prudential applications of biblical principles.
- Current events or news stories unless they directly impact our school community.
- Social or cultural issues where Scripture provides principles but not prescriptive positions, and where our community may hold diverse views within orthodox Christianity.

Our Reasoning

We believe that:

- **Not every silence is complicity.** Our decision not to comment on a particular issue does not indicate indifference, approval, or disagreement. Instead, it reflects our commitment to speak when we have clear institutional responsibility or biblical warrant to do so.
- **Unity matters.** Our community includes families from various backgrounds, denominations, and political perspectives united in their commitment to biblical Christianity. We preserve this unity by focusing on shared convictions, while recognizing that parents, faculty, and students might hold and express a wide variety of personal convictions on matters outside the bounds of our Statement of Faith.
- **Our purpose is to provide Christian education, not public commentary.** We are called to form students who think biblically, engage culture wisely, and "bless our world as disciples of Jesus Christ," not to provide institutional opinions on every societal debate.

When we do speak, we commit to grounding our statements in Scripture, speaking with grace and truth, considering the impact on all members of our community, and remaining focused on our educational mission. Families with questions about statements from WCCS are encouraged to reach out directly to the Head of School.