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October 2, 2008

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty and Staff,

Western Christian has prayerfully pursued a permanent site for its High School to call home for over 30 years. In our quest to find a location that would allow us to fulfill our mission, we have researched many potential sites. Throughout our strategic planning we have pursued a site that could foster an exceptional academic, spiritual and extra curricular environment that we are committed to provide to our Pre School through High School students.

Through God's providence, we were approached by a local Christian ministry to prayerfully consider the acquisition of their entire church and school property located on a 10-acre lot, housing 96,000 sq. ft. of school and church facilities. This site is equipped to fulfill the strategic plan list, created by WCS faculty, Administration and Board to completely fulfill the vision of WCS. The site includes a 7,500 sq. ft. gym, multi-purpose rooms, lighted football field, sanctuary, libraries, media centers, cafeterias and technologically advanced classrooms.

After much prayer, deliberation, and investigation, WCS has agreed and continues to work to agreement to acquire certain of the assets of Upland Christian Schools in a move that we believe will strengthen the ministries of both WCS and UCS schools with concern for the continued occupancy by the local congregation. This acquisition, when completed, will benefit both parties while becoming one of the strongest Christian education institutions in America.

Please know that although we wanted to share these exciting developments with you, we have been obligated legally and in other ways to maintain confidentially during the process of considering the best facilities for Western and to finalize details of our acquisition of Upland Christian pending final approval. You are being brought into the circle of information now that the decision has been made by both parties to proceed at this time. As you may know, recent media articles concerning Upland Christian and related parties appear to disclose internal matters of those parties. In the interest of unity and in the furtherance of God's kingdom WCS will not comment on such matters at this time.

As we continue our mission "to provide a Christ-centered community that integrates quality education," we hope that you will work and pray with us to build a Christian institution of which we can be proud, and which our students, the leaders of future generations will recall as a high point in their personal Christian development, as Christian leaders making a difference in our world today.

We ask that you commit your prayers and support to both Western Christian Schools and Upland Christian Schools during this time of transition into what we believe will be one of the strongest Christian schools in America. We pray that we can all join in unity to provide a remarkable Christian education for each child. As the Apostle Paul said to the Philippians church : “ Make my joy complete by being like minded, in love and in Spirit...” (Philippians 2:2)

For the '08/'09 school year, WCHS will remain on the Covina campus as we prayerfully review longer transition periods for the High School campus and the best transition details for our entire school system.

After 33 years of prayer and seeking God's plan for our future, we are excited to share more specifics on these new opportunities for Western. Please join us for a parent information meeting at one of the following times / locations where we can share our vision for WCS.

- Monday October 6, 2008 at 6:30 at the Covina campus / Lancer Commons
- Tuesday, October 7, 2008 6:30 Claremont

Excited about God's provision for WCS and our agreement with Upland Christian,



Dr. Ray McCormick,  
Chairman of the WCS Board



Karen Winter,  
WCS Superintendent