



June 4, 2018

Dear Pastor and Head-of-School,

I am grateful for the partnership of the American Association of Christian Schools, our thirty-eight affiliated state associations, and your Christian school. I believe completely in the importance of Christian education, and I know from countless personal testimonies that Christian schools have had a life-changing effect on children and families.

For forty-five years, the AACCS has represented the collective interests of Christian schools in Washington and has assisted state offices with numerous state-level issues. Earlier today, I discussed the religious liberty implications of the Supreme Court ruling in the Masterpiece Cake Shop case with our legislative director, Jamison Coppola. We also discussed an opportunity he has on Wednesday to represent the interests of Christian schools by testifying before the School Safety Commission chaired by Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. Also this morning, I discussed daycare regulation issues with a state leader, met with our staff to plan for the Youth Legislative Training Conference in July and the National Legislative Conference in September, and met with Gary Peltier, our Officer for Assessments, to discuss the Iowa testing program that is now serving more than fifty thousand students in AACCS member schools. There are so many areas where God has given us the opportunity to partner with and support Christian schools, and I am very grateful.

This summer, God has opened a new door of opportunity for us, the opportunity to build a home for our national office in Chattanooga. Because we have added some new services, most notably the Scoring Center for the Iowa Assessments, we have outgrown our current space. Our Board of Directors and Board of State Representatives have carefully considered this opportunity, and they are convinced that building is the right choice for strengthening our association and our ability to serve Christian schools. The estimated cost of the project is \$700,000. A donor has pledged \$50,000 to match donations received for the building.

We have made an offer on a piece of property and we are diligently working with a surveyor and engineering firm to make sure the property is suitable before agreeing to the final purchase. Visit the "About Us" page on our website to see some pictures of the property and the building design!

Will you prayerfully consider giving a gift to build a home office for the AACCS?

For Christian education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Walton".

Jeff Walton
Executive Director