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*Deeply Rooted, Bearing Fruit*

Dear Calvin Friends,

As we draw the 2016-17 school year to a close, we have many reasons to be thankful. We are grateful for committed, tireless and prayerful teachers. We are grateful for parents who pour themselves into CCS. And we are grateful for God's work in the hearts and minds of the students who have been entrusted to us!

By God's ceaseless grace, those are things we see year after year at CCS. But God also gave us some special blessings this year. We started the year with an extraordinarily [positive response to our parent survey](#), confirming that parents, teachers, administrators and the Board are aligned in our values and hopes for CCS. Over the winter, we had a successful search process and are thrilled that God has provided [Bethany Schuttinga as our next president](#). This spring, Steve Groen led CCS through our periodic accreditation process, which resulted in an independent accreditation committee recommending that CCS be accredited for five years—the maximum possible duration. With God's continued grace and blessing, CCS has great things ahead!

As we look forward to an exciting future, however, we should all take the opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to Randy Kroll, who is finishing his last year as CCS's president.

CCS owes a debt of gratitude to Randy far greater than most in the CCS community know—and that's the way Randy has always wanted it. As just one example (of many), very few know that despite his tireless work, Randy has always served on an 80% time basis, giving far more of himself than CCS has ever paid for.

Randy was the leader CCS needed at a critical time in our history. When we hired him as our first president in 2011, CCS was not well known in the Christian school community. We struggled with a lack of unity across our campuses. We lacked strategic direction. Our financial situation limited our ability to think big about the future.

We can now see how God was at work in giving us Randy as our first president. Through his efforts, we are a recognized leader in Christian education in Minnesota and beyond. We have solid budgeting and financial processes in place as a foundation for a responsible future. We have seen stronger enrollment and a higher level of donor support. We have a forward looking strategic plan. We are committed to a "One Calvin Community" ideal, and have seen expanded collaboration across campuses.

We invite you to hear what Randy's leadership has meant to the Board leaders who have worked closely with him. ([Click for video.](#))

Randy has led us to success in all these areas, and more, and has done so while constantly and prayerfully seeking God's will for CCS.

To be sure, we have lots of work ahead of us as we strive to make CCS a school that lives up to our shared vision for Christian education. But because of God's grace and Randy's leadership, we can look forward to a future full of promise for CCS and the lives and communities it will touch.

From all of us—thank you, Randy!

With gratitude,

*The CCS Board of Directors*