



RCS Roof Replacement Project

I am reaching out to you today on behalf of the RCS Foundation Board of Directors to explain an unusual situation at the school that necessitates the foundation's involvement for the remainder of 2024. It is important to understand the challenge that is in front of us and the rationale behind our Board's decision that temporarily takes the Foundation in a direction that is not "business as usual". Providing a little history should help frame the situation and give perspective to the challenge ahead.

I had the privilege of attending the 2023 school corporation meeting. It was heartening to hear about the new music room and all the other innovations and positive things happening at the school. God continues to be at work at RCS. However, one topic of concern from the Building and Grounds Committee was the need to address the deteriorating roof. With the 20-year warranty expiring some years ago, occasional leaks serve as a growing reminder that delaying a re-roofing project would only exacerbate the situation.

The summer went by and as the 2023-2024 school year began there were discussions within the RCS Foundation about timing and financing of the roof project. Upon inquiring and meeting with the school, it was clear that the financing of the project was a potential roadblock in selecting a vendor and getting the job done. We all know that maintaining a safe, secure and comfortable building is a mission critical ingredient in offering a quality education to students. Recognizing this concept, the Foundation Board felt it important to come alongside the RCS School Board and provide a level of confidence to sign a contract with a vendor to get the job done.

RCS has already started a fundraising campaign for this project. In addition, the RCS Foundation Board has unanimously decided to allocate all undesignated donations received in 2024 to the RCS roof replacement project. Bids have already been secured and the total cost is anticipated to be approximately \$300,000. The school has \$50,000 in savings earmarked toward the cost of the work, leaving a gap of \$250,000. Raising the money through donations to offset borrowing to pay for this project is important for the financial health of the school moving forward. The by-laws of the Foundation prevent the notion that the Foundation could simply dip into the Endowment Fund to help. Our decision to let our donors know that this year's donations will not go to the Endowment Fund but rather this important effort, keeps us true to our by-laws and has the potential to provide significant assistance for this vital need at the school.

Both the school and the Foundation are stepping out in faith that the decisions that have been made will deliver a successful result. Your prayers for this endeavor, as well as your consideration as to how you might contribute financially are invaluable, as we embark on this project. We thank you for your time in reading this information and contemplating what your role might be in helping us address this challenge.

Our prayer is that you will be led by God to invest in the future of the school with a special donation to the RCS Roof Project. Every gift, no matter the size, will have a direct impact. **Please mail your donation in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or donate online at myrcsf.org**

For the RCSF Board,
Gregory Chambery

Proverbs 3: 5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. Remember the Lord in all you do, and he will give you success.