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Dear Parents, Students, Faculty, and Staff:

Over the past few months, we have been evaluating the possibility of revising our grading scale. The possibility was carefully reviewed by the administration and the Board's Oversight Committee. The process looked at the best practices from college admissions and those who evaluate high school transcripts; as well as reviewing what local and other schools of similar academic rigor were doing.

We considered questions like – What are colleges looking for? What are the benefits, consequences, and/or dangers to our students? Would a change like this affect the rigor of our curriculum? How would this affect the scholarship opportunities for our students?

Without going into excessive detail, here are the main points that answer the above-referenced questions:

- Colleges/universities are all over the spectrum on how they evaluate students' GPAs for admission. With schools that vary greatly on grading scales, the main ingredient colleges/universities seek is rigor (AP & Honors classes, good ACT\SAT scores, and past performance of a school's graduates).
- The other two high schools in Shelby County are on a 10-point scale. This does put them at a GPA advantage over our students. We discovered from a study done by another large Christian school, that we were only one of a hand-full of schools within the Louisville Metro area that had a scale other than the 10-point scale. This included prep schools, Catholic schools, as well as Shelby, Oldham, and Bullitt Counties.
- Moving to a 10-point scale will give our students more opportunities for future KEES money as well as college scholarships that require higher GPAs (KEES will not change previously awarded scholarships).

Based on this rationale, the CCA Board voted on March 30, 2017, to change CCA's grading scale to a 10-point system.

A = 90-100 B = 80-89 C = 70-79 D = 60-69 F = 0-59

This will take effect for the 2017-2018 school year, with the exception of this year's seniors whose GPAs will be recalculated based on this scale. The new grading scale will not apply to CCA alumni or previously withdrawn students.

Let me assure you, this in no way changes the school's mission of providing an excellent education based on God's word. The administration and Board are committed to rigorous and challenging curriculum and instruction. This will however level the 'playing field' for our students when competing for college admission and scholarships.

In His Grip,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David C. Ladner".

David Ladner

Headmaster