

FCS was invited to join a collaborative of Christian schools in West Michigan. New Era Christian, Western Michigan Christian High School, Muskegon Christian, and Grand Haven Christian Schools are currently part of this collaborative. This collaboration has existed now for about 7 years and this is not our first invitation to join. The first time we were invited to join the collaborative, timing was just right, the benefits were not what FCS needed at the time, and what we had to offer was minimal. This collaborative has changed significantly, however, its mission of supporting Christian schools in West Michigan has never changed. I'm excited to share with you that the FCS school board voted to accept the invitation and join the Collaboration of West Michigan Christian Schools.

What do we gain from joining? We will receive the services of a curriculum director, and educational support director who has a degree in special education, a communications and marketing consultant, coordinated collaborative meetings where our teachers can meet with teachers from other schools, as well as software that helps us with data management, marketing, and social media. FCS could not support these services on our own, but will now benefit from many services for our students for a fraction of the cost. The value added to our programs and education here by having these benefits will be incredible! Ultimately the goal is to support our students as well as to support Christian education in West Michigan.

If you have questions about the collaborative please do not hesitate to give me a call (924-2740). Stay tuned for updates and changes that you will see coming.