



20 April 2016

Dear Brother and Sister \_\_\_\_\_

We are writing to you today, to request your prayerful and financial support. It's never easy asking for financial support. While we recognise that there are many pressures on families and households these days, we still consider the work of our schools a significant component of our first fruits before the Lord.

As a covenant community, when we count our blessings in the John Calvin Schools, we will understand that instructing our children in the fear of His Name has a positive impact on our Free Reformed Churches. Indeed a cord of three strands is not easily broken, and so working together as a community of families, schools and churches, we may find our common strength in the Lord and in His might.

At the past General Meeting with the Board, the membership overwhelmingly endorsed the 2016/2017 capital works program as presented by the Board. This is an extensive program that will impact all the school campuses, yet with the majority of the funding attributed to the new school building in Capel. Indeed exciting times for the Bunbury and Busselton congregations, and we share their joy and thankfulness for Reformed Education!

However, incurring a significant debt in these uncertain political times would not be prudent – particularly with growing anti-Christian sentiment, our schools are vulnerable to potential changes to government funding of independent schools. Understanding this, the membership voted to avoid debt through a fund raising campaign to ensure our schools are on a safer financial foundation.

Brother and Sister XXX, when you count the cost of this Capital Campaign, the fact that we like to raise in excess of \$2.7 million – it could be somewhat overwhelming. Yet we ask that you consider your own circumstances prayerfully, and generously contribute in a manner that honours God with your gifts. The pledge form provides the flexibility in payment terms, allowing the option to make monthly payment over a two-year period, or a single lump sum donation. We are counting on your support!

It's not just the money that counts, but also our willingness to work together – to encourage each other, for the benefit of our broader community – our homes, our schools and our churches. This is going to take all of us working together in community, living by faith, and leaning on each other and prayerfully imploring God for His blessing on our endeavours.

Finally, Brother and Sister XXX, we request that you become an advocate of this campaign, sharing the pledge forms with your family members, and highlighting the blessing of giving, and why our community counts!

With Christian Greetings  
On behalf on the Board

Steve Terpstra  
**Chairman**

P.S. Over the next few weeks or so, all the members will be given a courtesy call, to encourage participation in this Capital Campaign – a natural opportunity to provide further explanation of the program or to confirm your pledge commitment. We would love to have the pledge forms in as soon as possible – at the very latest by May 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.