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Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

**To:** Indiana State Board of Education  
**From:** Office of School Accountability  
**Date:** April 9, 2022  
**Subject:** Accreditation Petition for Greenwood Christian School

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This memorandum provides a summary of the information provided by the school in its petition for performance-based accreditation and the final recommendation from the Indiana Department of Education (Department) regarding the accreditation of Greenwood Christian School.

## **Background & Demographic Information**

Greenwood Christian School currently operates in Greenwood, Indiana and serves students in pre-kindergarten through grade 5. The school operates strictly in-person and only conducts virtual instruction as needed due to quarantine or isolation. Greenwood Christian School is a member in good standing with the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), an accrediting organization that is currently recognized by the Indiana State Board of Education (Board).

Greenwood Christian School strives to provide a “Christ-centered environment that glorifies God.” The school encourages students to achieve personal growth that fosters respect, responsibility, and integrity; academic excellence that promotes life-long learning; and spiritual maturity that equips students for discipleship, evangelism, and Christian service.

Greenwood Christian School projects that it will enroll roughly 150 students in kindergarten through grade 5 during the 2022-2023 school year. Over the next five years, the school intends to expand its student population to include grade 6 and increase overall enrollment to 300 students.

## **Operations**

**Facilities:** Greenwood Christian School operates at 2045 Averitt Road, Greenwood, Indiana and is co-located with Greenwood Christian Church. The building is annually inspected by the Indiana Department of Health and State and Local Fire Marshal, and no findings of noncompliance have been made regarding the facility.

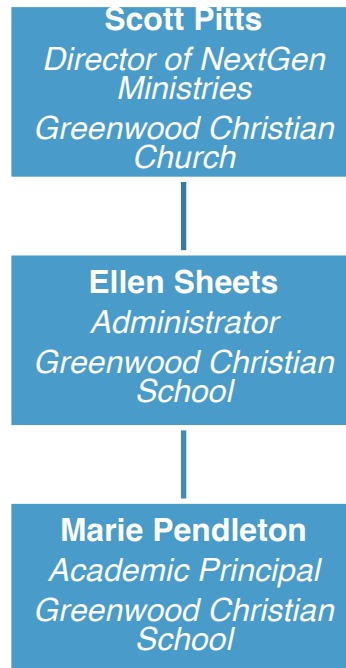
**Tuition:** Annual tuition and fees for Greenwood Christian School total \$4,785 (\$4,535 for kindergarten). These costs include annual tuition, registration fee, curriculum, and a technology fee. Greenwood Christian School indicated that it intends to participate in the Indiana Choice Scholarship program.

**Staffing:** The administrative structure for Greenwood Christian School is as follows:



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Scott Pitts, Director of NextGen Ministries for Greenwood Christian Church, is responsible for the spiritual leadership and supports decision-making that directly affects the day-to-day and long-term operation of the school.

Ellen Sheets, Administrator of Greenwood Christian School, acts as the business administrator for the school and has direct oversight of the teaching and support staff. Ms. Sheets helps conduct and review benchmark and standardized testing to ensure students are meeting their performance goals.

Marie Pendleton, Academic Principal of Greenwood Christian School, focuses on curriculum development and serves as the testing coordinator for the school.

All kindergarten through grade 6 teachers employed by Greenwood Christian School will hold, at minimum, a bachelor's degree and licensure in their content area.

## **Academic Programming**

Students will be instructed in the areas of English/language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and Bible. Students will also receive instruction in physical education, music, foreign language, computer science, and art. Greenwood Christian School continually reviews its curriculum to ensure alignment with Indiana Academic Standards for core subject areas. The instructional methods consider specific student needs including special education and high ability services.

Greenwood Christian School administers DIBELS and STEEPS as benchmark assessments. Additionally, students in kindergarten through grade 2 complete a dyslexia screener at the



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beginning of each school year. Greenwood Christian School also administers IOWA Achievement and CogAt assessments.

## **Department Recommendation**

Each petition for nonpublic school accreditation is reviewed and scored based on an established rubric where a school may earn a score between 0.0 and 4.0. The Department recommends for approval a petition receiving a final score of 3.0 or higher. Greenwood Christian School received a final score of 3.2 out of 4.0 possible points. Therefore, the Department recommends that Greenwood Christian School be afforded full state performance-based accreditation as a nonpublic school in Indiana.