

BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE TOGETHER

NCSS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



*'FOR WE ARE PARTNERS WORKING TOGETHER FOR GOD, AND
YOU ARE GOD'S FIELD. YOU ARE ALSO GOD'S BUILDING.'
1 CORINTHIANS 3:9*



MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT & SUPERINTENDENT

Dear friends,

Think early 2000's. A group of visionary Christian parents sitting together dreaming of a school where their children could learn how to go about life – from a faith-based perspective. A school where their children would not be inundated with the world's mentality, but would learn how to follow Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior.

These visionary Christian parents dreamed of a school where multiple denominations would come together and be unified in the same values and purpose – to advance the kingdom of God. They dreamed of a school where parents could receive help and encouragement in their parenting journey. Nelson Christian Community School, as we know it today, is the direct result of these dreams becoming action.

Fast forward to 2023 - 20 years later! Today, we are presented with an opportunity to take the next step, ***Building a Stronger Future Together***. Today, we can sink our roots deeper into the soil of God's provision and expand our learning landscape into a permanent home! Our new home will allow us to expand our dreams of providing a wholistic, faith-based education that ensures generations of children will be educated from a Christ focused perspective and be equipped to thrive as they enter the future with purpose, faith and hope.

We invite you to join us as we partner together and move into a new school and create something worthwhile.

"For we are partners working together for God, and you are God's field. You are also God's building."
1 Corinthians 3:9



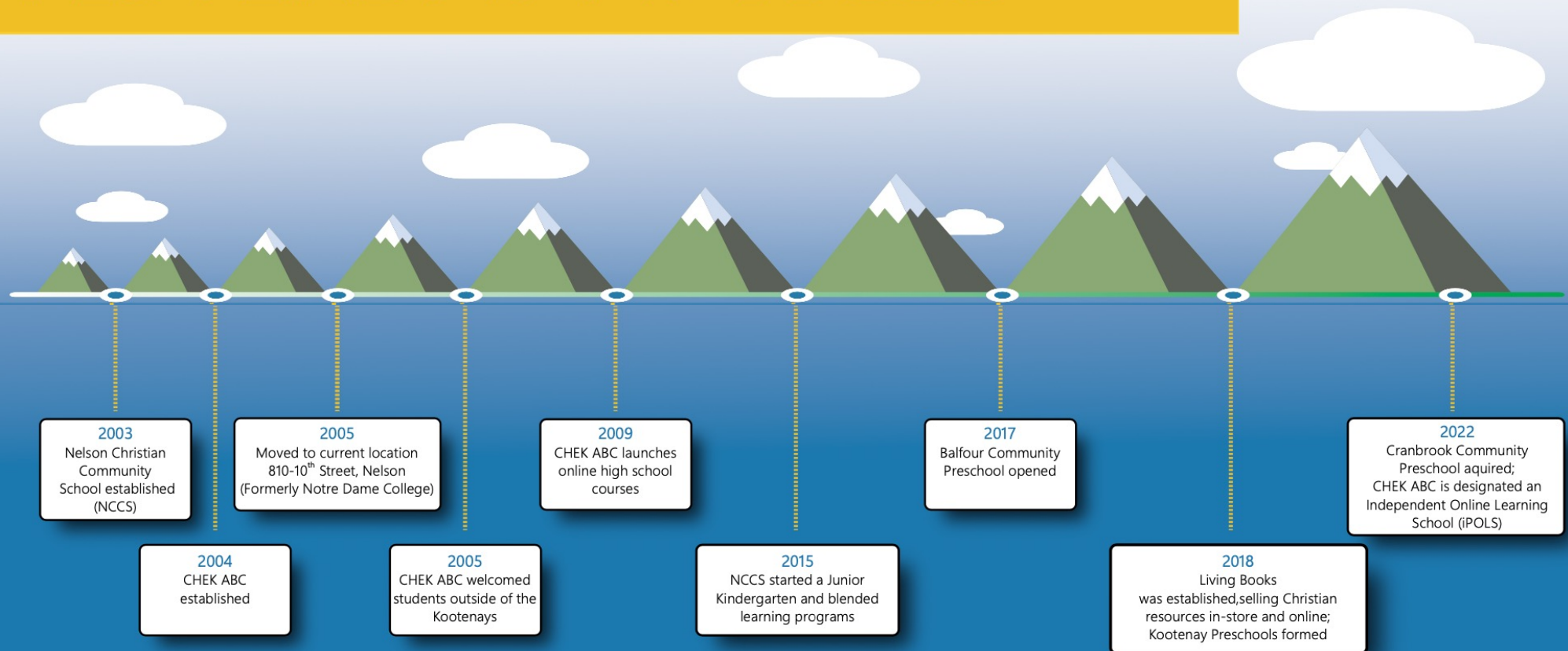
Matt Baldin
Board Chair



Kevin Bernhardt
Superintendent



YESTERDAY AT NCSS



Nelson Christian School Society has a rich history of over 25 years of serving families and providing life-impacting Christian education across the province of B.C. The growth of the society and its entities has been led by the active involvement of the families and friends who value Christian education and choice.

Founded in 2003, Nelson Christian School Community (NCCS) opened its doors with 26 students. By 2004, the school quickly grew beyond the geographic boundary of Nelson and expanded to provide a home-based education option to families in the West Kootenays. A new Distributed Learning entity, called CHEK (Christian Education in the Kootenays) was developed and recognized by the B.C. Ministry of Education. In 2005, CHEK became CHEK ABC (ABC meaning Across B.C) and expanded to provide home-education right across the province. That year, NCCS relocated to its current facility in Nelson. The 1959 facility had been vacant for over a decade and volunteers pulled together to quickly convert this space into classrooms and offices.

"We first switched schools for safety reason, but we've stayed because we've found a family. There's a sweetness to the community."

NCSS Parent

TODAY AT NCSS

NCSS provides over 425 students with a variety of different opportunities to grow in their character, service and academics, plus discover their unique God-given gifts in a relationship with Jesus. All of our programs focus on excellence in education, while also following our society's mission of "Growing in Christ Centered Academics, Character and Service". We provide an education, rooted in Christ, that develops a solid foundation for students to build their lives upon:

Our education delivery options include in-person online, at-home, hybrid and blended learning across the following avenues:

- **NCCS** (K-9) – Our brick-and-mortar program builds community, service and leadership skills in students
- **CHEK ABC** (K-12) – Offers online learning options for students across the province
- **Kootenay Preschools** (3–4-year olds) – Offers full and part-time programs in Nelson, Balfour and Cranbrook

NCSS also offers:

- Extensive Special Education adaptive and modified programs
- Middle and high school cross-enrolled online courses
- International student programs
- Hybrid online middle school "Connect" program
- A registered program for traditional homeschoolers
- Learning Centres in several locations across the province
- Adult Dogwood program
- Living Books Nelson bookstore

Since 2005, NCSS has leased its 1959 facility ("**Tenth Street**") from The City of Nelson. The facility currently houses four classrooms, a chapel, library, resource room, administrative, and support staff offices, CHEK ABC offices, NCCS Preschool, and the Living Book Store. To date, NCSS has invested over \$450,000 in improvements and upgrades yet currently, the facility is being stretched to its limits and NCSS needs a new home for our expanding programs.

"The thing I personally value about the school is the faith-based integration into learning. I also value the shift towards a more robust and demanding education. And moving from a large to a small school has been a blessing to us. Our son knows everyone."

NCSS Parent



TOMORROW AT NCSS

In late 2021, the NCSS Board of Directors recognized the impending need to find a new home for our programs, as the lease expires in 2023. The board engaged a group of society members to form a Building Committee to seek out potential facilities. The committee examined options for purchasing, leasing or building in the Nelson area.

During the spring of 2022 the Building Committee identified a suitable property to purchase at 570 Johnstone Rd. This property includes a 10,000 square-foot facility (prior school) and 2.6 acres of fields, located on the north shore of Nelson overlooking Kootenay Lake. The property was owned by a private company who unsuccessfully attempted to re-zone the land for light industrial use. During the summer of 2022, NCSS approached the owner about the possibility of acquiring the property. Further to preliminary discussions, a professional facility, inspection, mechanical and structural inspection and radon testing were conducted. The board concluded that this building could be a suitable school facility with a modest investment. In February 2023, and CSS placed a \$1.150M offer to purchase the property below market value (\$1.485 – \$1.785M). We praise God the offer was accepted!

We are now seeking to **raise over \$425,000** to complete the purchase, cover associated costs, and renovate the building.

The NCSS, Board of Directors, staff, families, and students look forward to the day that we can lay down permanent roots for furthering our mission, growing our programs, and connecting with the local Johnstown Road community.



“The school cultivates really good relationships between parents and teachers. Parents can talk to teachers about anything that is going on.”

NCSS Parent

WE LEARN

We prioritize professional and personal development

WE CONNECT

We continually seek the heart of Christ Jesus

WE CARE

We show our love of Christ Jesus through empathy and compassion towards others

OUR BUILDING PLAN

Over the past several months, we have consulted with engineers, building inspectors, environmental assessors, and contractors, and have identified the steps needed to convert the 570 Johnstone Road facility back into a functional school:

Immediate renovations will include:

- Replacement of exterior siding
- Removal of 'pocket offices'
- Construction and painting of interior walls
- Installation of foundation fans
- Removal and filling in of redundant windows
- Improvement of the grounds
- Establishing parking and playground areas
- Repair of chain-link fencing
- Removal of drop ceiling and carpet in gym
- Replacement of flooring throughout the facility
- Repair of gym floor
- Re-establishing IT network
- Various other small fixes

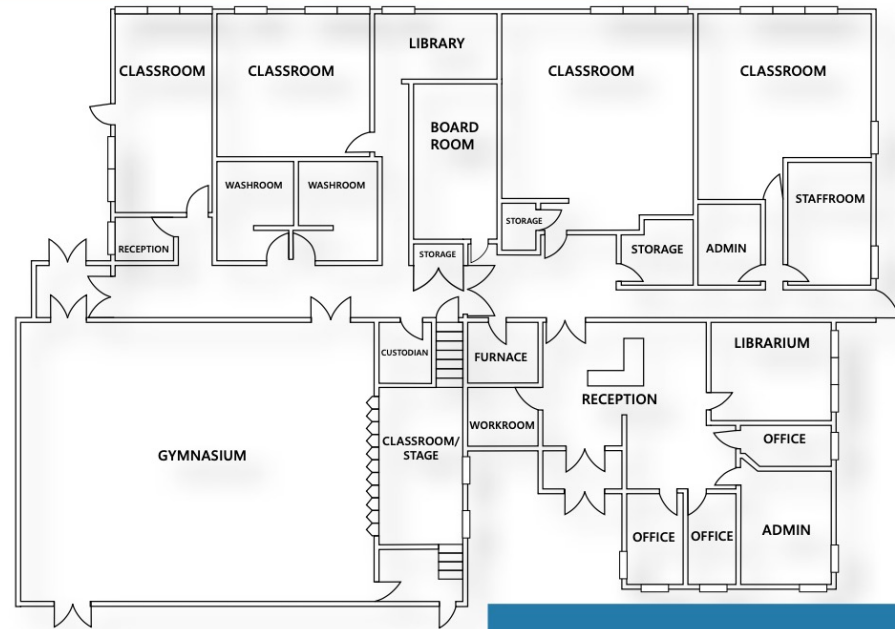
Wishlist renovations include

- Replacement of furnaces
- Replacement of exterior windows and doors
- Installation of new A/C units
- Installation of skylights
- Improvement of exterior landscaping

The completion of our immediate and Wishlist renovations will largely depend on funding. A clear and transparent plan will be adopted to allow for funding targets to be set.

"Our family has been praying over this for years – for the Lord to provide another building. This is something we're extraordinarily interested in. I hope the provision comes through Him and then through us."

NCSS Parent



MAIN LEVEL FLOOR PLAN



OUR FINANCIAL PLAN

Over the Winter of 2022, the Board of Directors hired a consultant to facilitate a “Community Readiness Assessment and Planning Study” to determine our preparedness to undertake a capital campaign. From the report findings, we were encouraged by the overwhelming community support and the confidence in the community’s ability to raise >\$1M towards a build project.

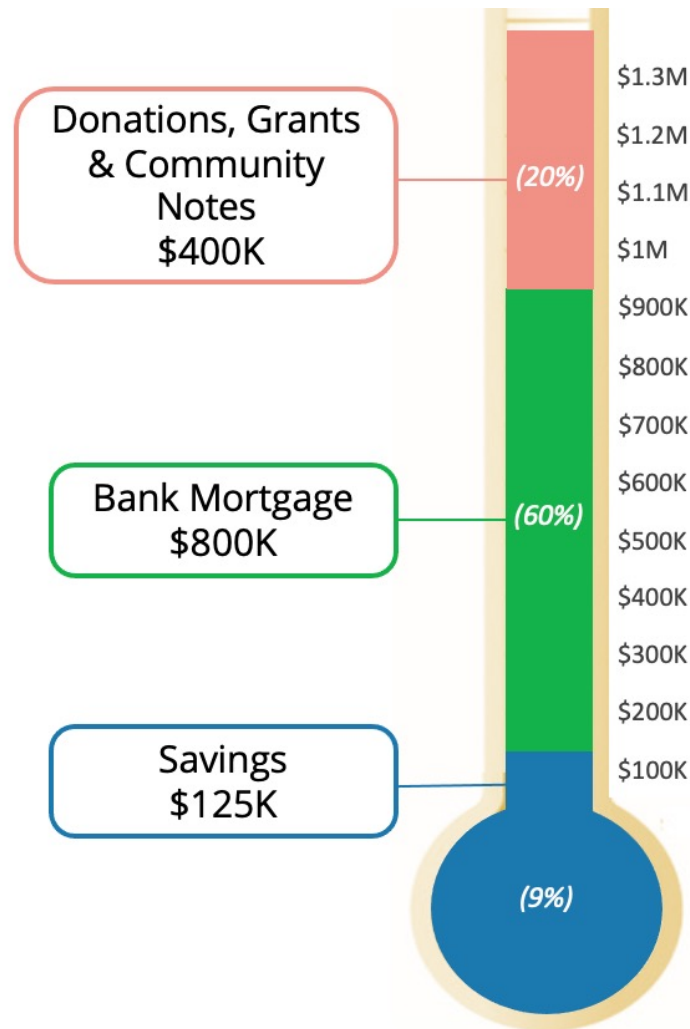
We were also encouraged by the recognition of our committed board and administration to promote a successful campaign.

The Board of Directors determined that the building project could be accomplished through the following avenues:

- Accumulated savings to date of \$125,000
- Bank mortgage of approximately \$800,000
- Donations, Grants and Community Notes totalling \$400,000

“We are very excited about this property and the future of our schools. We ask that you prayerfully consider joining us in this journey of moving forward.”

Kevin Bernhardt, NCSS Superintendent



Milestones

Mortgage Pre-approval:
Aug 31, 2023 (\$800K)

Offer to Purchase:
Feb 27, 2023 (\$1.15M)

Conditions Removed:
Apr 28, 2023 (need \$250K)

Possession Date:
May 29, 2023

Renovations/Move:
Jun-Sep 2023 (need \$175K)

Total funds required to cover legal fees, realtor fees, professional appraisals, and immediate renovations = **\$425K**

TOTAL GOAL: \$1 325 000

OUR CAMPAIGN IMPACT

Our **Building a Stronger Future Together** Capital Campaign will bring our community together - in partnership with God - to create a new home for our thriving community. We will **partner** with parents, grandparents, former parents, alumni, staff, former staff and members of the wider Christian community (churches, foundations, business leaders, congregational members), and school supporters.

Our campaign will bring many **positive outcomes** for our community, including:

- Build new relationships, strengthen existing ones and reconnect with the past
- Contribute to the well-being and development of the community
- Provide additional space and resources to accommodate more students, teachers, and staff
- Increase our capacity to offer a wider range of programs and services for all our students
- Provide an engaging and stimulating environment in outdoor spaces
- Upgrade our technology, equipment, and facilities to enhance the quality of online education
- Enhance communication with students and parents and enhance engagement and motivation
- Demonstrate the school's commitment to excellence
- Increase capacity to preschool programming
- Provide more specialized services, such as special education, counseling, or language instruction
- Provide new learning materials, furniture, or playground equipment
- Provide more resources for teacher training, professional development, and collaboration

Our campaign will honor the resources that God has given to us and allow us to be faithful stewards with them and taking the next step forward and **Building a Stronger Future Together**. All of this will be possible by placing our trust in God, who continuously provides us with many resources to share generously with thanksgiving.

"The school is an extension of what we stress in our home: the cross and Jesus is everything. If our kids leave our home and they have a strong relationship with Jesus, they will go out and do His will. The school is an extension of that – as compared to our public school. Our children that attend NCCS are being supported in our children's spiritual development."

NCCS Parent



HOW YOU CAN HELP



TWO STEPS:

1. Complete a Pledge Form

- Online at nelsonchristian.ca/capital-campaign-form-page/
- Email at NCSSFundraising@chekabc.ca
- In-person at the office

2. Donate

- Online at [Give to the New Building Fund](#) (credit card only)
- E-transfer at accounting@chekabc.ca
- In-person at the office with cash, credit card or cheque



To donate new construction materials, tools, volunteer your time, or provide access to builder/contractor discounts, complete a Pledge Form

- Online at nelsonchristian.ca/capital-campaign-form-page/
- Email at NCSSFundraising@chekabc.ca
- In-person at the office

NOTE: DUE to the fact that the building must meet 2023 Building Code requirements and it is our desire to improve the operating efficiency, we will not accept donations of items that are old, well used, or possess toxic materials (such as lead, asbestos, PCB's, etc. Please check with the office before dropping off items.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NCSS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



250-352-0526 or
1-888-352-2435



www.nelsonchristian.ca
www.chekabc.ca
www.kootenaypreschools.ca



NCSSFundraising@chekabc.ca

PLEDGE FORM

Submit a Pledge Form [online here](#), by mail (NCSSFundraising@chekabc.ca), in person or by mail to our office (810 Tenth Street, Nelson, B.C. V1L 3C7)

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DONATIONS:

- 1) Give a financial donation of a total amount of \$_____
- One time donation \$_____
- Monthly donation \$_____ per month for _____ mo
- Salary deduction donation of \$_____ per month (NCSS staff only)

- 2) Give a donation of construction/renovation materials.
- I will donate the following items for facility renovations

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VOLUNTEERING:

I will support the renovation or moving work of the new facility by volunteering my skill(s) in the area(s) of:

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PRAYER:

I will commit to regularly praying for this project

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COMMUNITY NOTES:

NCSS is offering Community Notes for purchase. They are available in increments of \$2,500 for 3/5/7/10-year terms at interest rates between 4.0-5.0%. For more information of this offering, please contact us at NCSSFundraising@chekabc.ca

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE NUMBER(s): _____

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CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Notes:

1. NCSS recognizes the confidentiality of donors and does not share donor names unless allowed or requested by the donor.
2. It is understood that donations may be revised or suspended due to changing circumstances.
3. Donations may be made by mailing a cheque, e-transfer or through credit card on any of the websites for our programs: www.nelsonchristian.ca, www.checkabc.ca, or www.kootenaypreschools.ca.
4. Receipts for income tax purposes will be issued for all funds received up to and including December 31st of each year, in accordance with the current Tax Regulations.
5. NCSS is a registered charity. (Charitable Tax No. 865883862RR0001) All combined annual donations over \$25 qualify for a tax receipt. Material donations may qualify for a donation-in-kind receipt.