



Dear Supporter of Protestant Reformed Special Education,

The 2024/2025 school year has officially begun and we thank God for His care and provision as the teachers, support staff, and students get back to work. In all of our Christian schools, we seek to teach our children of the majesty of our great God, especially as it is evidenced in the creation around us. Our prayer for this coming school year is the prayer of David found in Psalm 25 - "Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day."

The board of The Society For Protestant Reformed Special Education is made up of seven men of the society. The PRSE Society was formed because parents of children with special needs were not able to send their children to our Christian schools for Godly instruction. In April 1983, the Constitution of the Protestant Reformed Special Education Society was adopted, and the Society and board officially were formed. The board directly oversees the Special Education programs at Heritage Christian School in Hudsonville, MI and Covenant Christian High School in Walker, MI. The board also maintains contact and provides assistance to Special Education and Academic Support/Resource programs in other Protestant Reformed schools throughout North America.

This year we welcome a new teacher at Heritage, Alexzandria (Alex) Brower, who had previously been a para-pro within the program. Alex will be supported this year by our previous teacher, Carli Engelsma, who is still working within the program as a para-pro plus, and six para-pros and a teacher consultant. Our staff at Covenant consists of our teacher for the past 11 years, Amanda Haney, and two full-time para-pros. We are thankful for the God-given gifts of these individuals and their deep care for the students and dedication to the work of educating. This school year there are 17 students enrolled in these programs, some part time and some full time, and the staff works to tailor the support to each child's specific needs.

The board has been continuing to work on building projects, working with our host schools to make the classrooms and facilities more accessible for students with special needs. The board also regularly visits the classrooms and meets with the teachers to discuss how the school year is going, offer encouragement, and provide assistance with any matters that arise. Please remember the teachers, staff, students, and board in your prayers as we seek to honor God in all the work that we do.

As a reminder, the budget of the Society is primarily funded by the donations of our supporters. This year we are seeking to raise \$385,000 from our drives; without these generous donations we would not be able to provide the nearly \$700,000 that has been requested by the programs we work with. Please prayerfully consider this need and keep an eye out for the drive letter in your mailbox this fall.

In Christ's Service,  
The Board for Protestant Reformed Special Education