



Dear Supporter of Protestant Reformed Special Education,

We are now over halfway through another school year of Protestant Reformed Special Education. We give thanks to our gracious Father who has preserved us through this year. We also give thanks for the teachers and para-pros that continue to serve Him daily by providing special education to our students, and do so while incorporating them into the classroom with their peers as much as possible. This is a tremendous blessing to each and every student!

As you may have noticed, the Education Committee is conducting interviews with applicants for the position of teacher in the Special Education classroom at Heritage Christian School for the 24-25 school year. This creates the perfect opportunity to recognize the work that Carli Engelsma has performed at Heritage Christian School over the last couple years. The board was able to see firsthand that the program at HCS was not only maintained under her leadership, but it excelled! We give thanks for the gifts that she has been given, and for her use of them for the good of our children and program. Thank you, Carli!

We also give thanks for the generous financial support and gifts we have received through our drive. As of February 1, we have raised 75% of our budgeted goal of \$385,000. This leaves a shortfall of around \$97,000 that we will need to collect by the end of the fiscal year. Please be reminded that over 80% of our revenue comes from this drive. We encourage all who read this letter to prayerfully consider our cause in your giving!

The Hudsonville PRC Young People's Society is co-organizing a spring concert by the Hosanna Choir (Ontario, Canada). The program is scheduled for Friday, April 19, at 8:00 p.m. at Mayflower Congregational Church in Grand Rapids, MI. All proceeds from pre-sale tickets will go to HPRC Young People's Society, and proceeds from tickets sold at the door on the 19th will be donated to PR Special Education. This will be an enjoyable experience while helping defray convention costs and supporting Special Education. We are also pleased to announce that the Peer-to-Peer Walk will be returning on September 28, 2024, at Covenant Christian High School, the Lord willing. This is another great way to fellowship and raise money for Special Education, so keep an eye out for the details of this event as well!



We would also like to cordially invite you to a speech, sponsored by the Society, on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. The speech will be delivered by Prof. Doug Kuiper, and the title of the speech will be “Autism Spectrum Disorder: Children in our Schools and Churches”. Please join us for this informative and educational speech at 7pm at Georgetown Protestant Reformed Church. After the conclusion of the speech, plan on a time of fellowship and enjoyment of a large dessert buffet, catered by Leesa VanOverloop! We plan to live-stream the speech as well, so that those who are unable to attend in person, and those outside West Michigan who wish to participate may do so.

We conclude this update by once again giving thanks to God, who has provided all of this from His gracious hand. We pray that all of these efforts are done in gratitude and thanksgiving for our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose blood binds us together. With gratitude in mind, please consider joining the Society at our annual society meeting that will be held in early May. In this way you too can show your love and support for this amazing program!

In His Service,

The Board for Protestant Reformed Special Education