



Thank you so much for your prayers, participation, and support during our AISA accreditation visit last week. The committee commented several times about the quality of people we have at CHCA. We cannot thank everyone enough for showing the peer review team what CHCA is all about. Every part of the visit returned rave reviews. The committee commented on our campus tours, classroom observations, interviews, overall hospitality, and the work we prepared over the 18 months prior to their arrival. The culmination of this all added up to a great preliminary report from the team. We believed in the quality of our educational product prior to their visit, but to have it confirmed by the team representing our accrediting body is reaffirming. I believe we gave them a true picture of the FAMILY atmosphere at Cottage Hill Christian Academy, and they left having recognized the feeling of community we share.

The official accreditation report will not be received for a few months, but we were given an initial report by the committee. After spending two days observing us in action, reading the information we submitted, interviewing teachers, students, parents, and asking follow-up questions, they identified two areas of required actions, two areas of recommended actions, and a long list of commendations.

At this time, the only major recommendation submitted are as follows:

1. Professional development opportunities for our staff to implement the increased blessings of technology to advance learners engagement. They noted that we have already made contentious efforts to require said resources and now it is time to further the advancement of putting our tech plan in action constantly looking for additional avenues through which we can improve our digital learning as we teach the 21<sup>st</sup> century student. (Standard 23)
2. To allocate resources for a counselor position to provide a professional to ensure the academic, social, and well-being needs of each student across our campuses. (Standard 15)

The recommended actions they will submit are as follows:

1. That we consistently make use of a formal process that will ensure the curriculum and instructional practices are aligned, relevant, and effective so all learners can prosper. (Standard 12)
2. Teachers and students benefit from further training on our new Student Information System (SIS) FACTS. More education and training would enable teachers to utilize all aspects and tools offered by FACTS further benefiting ALL stakeholders (Standard 15)

Our “Keeping the Mission and Expanding the Vision” five-year school improvement plan includes goals which deal with advancements in these areas of required and recommended actions. We look forward to sharing with you our fluid operational plan to achieve these strategic objectives.

The committee pointed out several areas in which they felt we were excelling.

- “There is a huge amount of proof through surveys, interviews, and operations that faith and family are the core components of the culture that permeates the school”- (Standard 1)
- “It is obvious from evidence examples that all feel confident that our institution holds the learner’s well-being at the heart of the school’s mission”- (Standard 2)
- “The teachers and staff at CHCA clearly feel supported and cared for by Leadership/Admin. and by each other. This fosters an environment where teachers feel comfortable collaborating and

sharing ideas among each other. When educators mental, physical, and emotional well-being are protected, students can only benefit” (Standard 5)

- “Through the observance of the emergency plan and safety protocol at both campuses, CHCA is commended for going above and beyond for providing a safe environment for students and personnel. The addition of entrance gate on the West Campus and door locking system at front entrance of the main building entrance on both campuses has enhanced the feeling of security and safety on campus” (Standard 11)

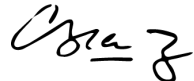
Additional areas that were commended were the future direction of the school and checking all the boxes of our AISA & Cognia Assurances. They highlighted the pride displayed by all! They also stated the families should be proud of the work done by CHCA over the past 18 months and even questioned how we had the time to accomplish all that we have done, especially in an accreditation year. They complimented the newly revised mission and vision statements, core values, and school improvement plan. Several members took pictures to take back to implement ideas on their respective campuses. They also heard a consistent message from our students, teachers, and parents. They were impressed with our facilities and graded our teachers very high during the LEO observations. One member of the team was very complimentary of CHCA and stated that if they lived in Mobile, this would be their school to send their children and wouldn't look any further!

While many people played a role in this process and everyone deserves kudos for the job done, a few people helped lead the way behind the scenes in the accreditation process. Our CHCA School Committee, members of our Accreditation Team that included; Mrs. Jennifer Newton, Mr. Trent Catchpole, Mr. Tommy Hinton, and hospitality by Mrs. White and Ms. Katie West. The committee praised the work by all. We would like to also thank our PTF for providing the wonderful breakfast on Thursday morning.

Thank you again to every single one of you who played a part in welcoming our guests and showing off what we already know about our school---CHCA is the place to be! The Warrior Way was on display! Thanks again to everyone for your partnership as we educate tomorrows generation. The last two years God has blessed us in so many ways and we are excited to see what the future holds.

God Bless, Go Warriors, and let's continue to live out our motto: FAITH-FAMILY-FUTURE

With CHRIST as my coach,



Chris Brazell  
Head of School