

Media Release

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Kelowna Christian Center Society (KCCS) is announcing the gradual closing of its on-campus program, Heritage Christian School, in favour of shifting to an innovative hybrid education model that will offer students personalized learning experiences.

While in-person programming will remain the same for the 2022-2023 school year, KCCS plans to replace the current on-campus program with a hybrid model that will include both online and in-person learning starting in the 2023-2024 academic year. Students in elementary grades will have five days a week of on-site instruction, and online courses will be introduced in middle and high school years. This model of learning allows older students flexibility and choice, and frees up teachers' time to invest in individualized approaches that best meet the needs of each student.

The Society is so thankful for the many years of service and care that the Heritage Christian School community has extended to one another, and looks forward to providing a meaningful education program in the upcoming school year, and to transitioning our community forward as smoothly as possible.

"Our passion and commitment to providing quality Christian education at a reasonable cost to families remains," says Executive Director of Kelowna Christian Center Society, Greg Harris. "After much prayer and exploration of various paths forward, we are excited to announce this new initiative that will provide an impactful and excellent education for students for years to come."

The hybrid school will be operated by Heritage Christian Online School (HCOS), which has successfully operated over 20 face-to-face hybrid locations throughout BC. The vision and programming for the new school will be developed in consultation with parents, students, and staff.

In consideration of the impact this transition will have on staff and families, staff who choose to remain with the school through to June 2023 will receive a bonus. Additionally, the Board has approved a family tuition rebate for students who choose to remain at HCS for the upcoming school year through to June 2023.

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