



# PLEASE PARTNER WITH US TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY BY SUPPORTING QUALITY EDUCATION IN IDAHO FALLS!

## We do what Public Schools Cannot Do

**Provide a safe and secure Christ-centered, family atmosphere for academic learning and living via Classical Education time-tested and better**

We believe in a comprehensive approach to student education that encourages and develops a child's mental, emotional, spiritual and physical growth. A variety of classroom experiences emphasize the building of knowledge, communication skills and application of facts to problems solving i.e., *learning how to learn* and student ownership.

Special field trips (e.g., **Yellowstone National Park, Camp Perkins**, etc.) expand our classrooms into "real world" experiences where students can validate fundamental truths and anchor their learning capabilities.

Our goal is to **equip students with:**

- **time-tested moral truths and experience their application in daily living**
- **the ability to critically evaluate challenges and problem solve**
- **effective communication skills**

Finally, students learn best when they feel safe and secure and Hope's Safety and Security program does just that for students, parents and staff.

## "Classical Learning"

Classical Education is a **time-tested educational methodology that teaches factual information and develops a student's ability to understand how to learn.**

When students know how to learn, they can go to any field, subject or situation and know how to excel. Classical Education implements investigative thinking to help anchor students with fundamental truths and values. Students are invited to learn the basics, test the systems and freely communicate their conclusions or observations. This three-fold approach to learning is referred to as the **Trivium**.



## The Challenge

Like any private christian school we cannot charge the tuition amount to families we require in order to sustain our amazing school & ministry to the community without help from people like you. Right now the operating cost per student is around \$10,500.00 per year.

## What to do

Normally, student tuition has covered a significant portion of our operational costs, but it never covered the entire budget expenses even when we were at "full" enrollment. Historically the congregation has been able to supplement the budget shortfalls when we were at full enrollment.

Unfortunately, the budget shortfall has been around \$100,000 to \$150,000/yr. and we were forced to develop a new funding strategy.



## The Solution

Developing and employing resources are vital for the continuance of our service to the community. Additionally, it was witnessing the positive impacts that Christian education has had on our students, their families and the community at large, that **compelled us to do everything possible** to keep this educational ministry available for another 60 plus years.

About six years ago we decided to **modify our funding model** to include the community we serve. We sought financial support from like-minded individuals who value Christian education and Classical Learning and "**YOU responded**".

Your continued support is the critical action that allows this school to *operate, improve* our educational programs and continue to *grow* enrollment. While providing for other necessities, your generous donation will also:

- keep our tuition affordable
- fund our financial aid program
- ensure competitive wages for our teachers

**Your support** to any of these primary financial needs is greatly appreciated and here are some ways to make that happen:

1. Please take advantage of the Idaho State Educational Tax Credit and claim the generous tax breaks for individuals and businesses who donate to Hope.
2. Leverage the income tax advantages of a Charitable Gift Annuity.
3. Avoid paying taxes on your IRA withdraws by directing that money as a contribution to Hope School.
4. Consider Hope School as part of your estate planning.

Please call the office 208-529-8080 if you have any follow-up questions or speak to Bob Holzworth (Day School Board chairman) and the lead person for the school fundraising program. If you like, simply go to the web site [allabouthope.org](http://allabouthope.org) and just click on the **Make A Difference** button.

*Thank you!*