

# Fall Educational Council

2018

## Church and School Relationships

Relationship is:

“The way in which two or more people, groups, countries, etc..., talk to, behave towards, and deal with each other.”

“The way in which two or more people or things are connected,”

We are connected to our churches by the way we: Behave, Deal with, or Talk to them. (This is crucial.)

What we have in common is?

- Students
- Families
- Mission
- Values
- Community

We need to share our vision and expectation with our pastors; they need to know where you are going, and how do you plan to arrive.

Pastors are more likely to get involved when they know vision and expectations.

What does it look like?

Decision making paradigm (for me)

Students need to be safe:

- Spiritually
- Socially
- Academically
- Physically

Let your pastors know they are needed in order implement your vision (Whatever it might be)

Every student has a right to a positive experience at your school and church.

How does your church Behave, Deal with, or talk to you?

I ask my Pastors for three things:

- Positive voice from the pulpit
  - Brag about our school, teachers, and students (Give them information so they can)
- Prayer
  - Prayer is the most powerful act that connects people, communities (pray with and for each other)
- Present on my campus
  - Ask them to speak for chapels, Vespers, week of prayers (sign ups)
  - Staff worships, Classroom worships
  - FSC pastors and treasure of the churches, be transparent with the money aspect, a forum to talk about subsidy and ask questions.

I also need you children in my school; this is the highest form of support you can give!

- Your church members will see
- Your community members will know
- Your teachers will feel appreciated.

### **BIG STATEMENT!**

Reasons for pastors not to send their children

- Students have special needs that our school cannot help with.
  - Easily explained to the stakeholders, community, and teachers
- Others have hurt my student.
  - Talk it out and deal with the issue. ( It can be hard being a PK)
- Home school
  - Invite the student to join music groups, Sports, or a class.

I have also asked the Pastors what they need from our school.

- Positive Voice
  - Talk about how grate the church programs are
  - Complement your pastors, say thank you for the little things they do.
- Prayer
  - Pray for you pastors they have a hard job.
- Present in church
  - Encourage your staff to attend church and get involved.
    - Kids night
    - Pathfinders
    - Mission trips

Open weekends, we try to have two open weekends per month to have our students and parents attend their home church.

Hold your churches accountable and communicate with them always

- This is your part of the financial picture and this is what you get for it.
- Petition for a variance on the formula for subsidy
  - Large sum of funds donated
  - Hardship on a small church
  - Change in the distribution of the formula.

In the end, you might have to let a constituent church go for the betterment of the others.

We want to grow our schools and the pastors want to grow their churches, can we work together to accomplish both?

