



Statement from Board of Trustees and Superintendent Ryan Wood:

Immanuel Schools' mission is to equip students to serve God and neighbor through mind, body and soul based on a Christ-centered foundation. In partnership with our parents, we believe as a Christian school, our mission is best achieved through in-person education. We feel strongly that parents are ultimately responsible for their child's schooling choice and if they desire an on-campus education, why should they be denied that right? For our families who have medical needs or are not yet comfortable with being on campus, we will continue our excellent Schooling from Home learning option.

For the majority of students, it is clear that an online education is not a substitute for an in-person, Christ-centered, relationally based classroom setting. While the Public Health Departments attempt to "protect" us from COVID-19, the CDC and medical experts attest that they are creating new public health problems for our children by not allowing them on campus for learning. Preventing schools from teaching students on campus is detrimental to students' academic, physical, emotional, and spiritual development, while also imposing a burden to working families.

Over the last several weeks, Immanuel Schools has prayerfully sought counsel from educational and medical experts, our legal advisors, and members of our Immanuel community. Based on their counsel and our belief that this is what is best for students, we have opened for on-campus instruction on Thursday, August 13th. Additionally, as we believe these orders are unconstitutional we are working with legal counsel and other Christ-centered and private schools to file a lawsuit to address these orders.

At this time, no interviews will be given to the media.