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**Board Note on Bible Translation:**

The primary responsibility of the Christian school board is to guard the mission of the school. At Firm Foundation, we take this responsibility very seriously. We believe in the inerrancy of the scriptures and the ultimate inspiration that God has in all areas of our lives as believers.

One area of ongoing discussion has been the Bible translation used in the classroom. A consistent concern is our exclusive requirement of the King James Version (KJV) for memory, lesson work and discussion. The students read and memorize a language that is not in use today and that even adults often struggle to understand. However, the KJV we use today is a very beautiful, accurate, and time-proven translation that serves us well. Our goal has been to preserve this rich heritage, while at the same time increasing overall comprehension and readability for our students and the next generation.

Over the last year, we have been researching Bible translations for a modern Bible translation that serves well alongside the KJV. After careful consideration, consultation with Bible scholars and prayer, the Firm Foundation Christian School board has chosen the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible translation to be included with the KJV for classroom use in all grades. The ESV is a version that complements the KJV as a conservative, literal translation, using the same style and prose as the KJV, yet with a modern and readable comprehension level.

We pray that this will increase the learning comprehension of our students and that the reading, study and discussion of the Word will continue to be inspired by God.

The Firm Foundation Christian School Board