

## Executive Director's Report to the Board

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### Strategic Plan Updates

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**Goal 3:** Foster an environment that values structure and classical culture in the classroom as well as joy and connections between members of Nova Classical's learning community in and outside the classroom.

**Objective 3.3:** Students in all grades will have access to a variety of extracurricular offerings.

**Strategy:** Gather comprehensive stakeholder feedback about current, and desired, extracurricular offerings.

**Stage:** In Progress

**Update:** Following the completion of the comparison of our extracurricular offerings to those at similar schools, the next step is to gather feedback from stakeholders about current and desired offerings. We have developed a survey to be disseminated to Nova Classical families. Because we currently have a communications survey out for completion by families, we will be holding off on sending the extracurricular survey until later in May.

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**Goal 3:** Foster an environment that values structure and classical culture in the classroom as well as joy and connections between members of Nova Classical's learning community in and outside the classroom.

**Objective 3.2:** Nova Classical will draw on student voices to influence improvements to the school.

**Strategy:** Assemble groups of Lower and Upper School students to provide feedback and make recommendations for engaging student voice.

**Stage:** In Progress

**Update:** We've established student advisory groups for both the School of Logic and the School of Rhetoric, and they've already had their first meetings. These groups will convene quarterly with Mrs. Paschall and Dr. Wedlund, focusing their discussions on topics of mutual interest identified by both students and staff. One key area of discussion will be how to effectively incorporate student perspectives into the decisions being made at Nova Classical. Our aim is for students to remain part of these advisory groups throughout their tenure in either the School of Logic or the School of Rhetoric, with older students eventually assuming roles as student representatives to the Board. Due to developmental differences we're still exploring the most suitable approach for involving students from the School of Grammar in this strategy.

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### Summer Kindergarten Programming

This year, Nova Classical is excited to introduce summer programming tailored specifically for incoming kindergarten students, a first-time initiative. Families will have the opportunity to enroll their children in these sessions at no cost, and we're delighted to share that 31 incoming families have already opted to participate. The program will consist of 8 sessions, each lasting two and a half hours, conducted in small groups. The curriculum will prioritize building foundational skills essential for school readiness. Funding for this initiative will be provided through our remaining ESSER funds.

### Communications Survey

As you may be aware, Nova Classical's Board approved a new communications plan in early 2022. We've dedicated the past couple of years to implementing this plan, which unfolds across a span of over three years. At the close of last year, we employed various approaches, including a stakeholder survey, to measure our progress in the initial year of execution. Once more this year, we're leveraging the survey along with other methodologies to assess the goals for the second year of implementation. Currently, stakeholders are

actively participating in the survey, and we anticipate being able to share updates on this year's progress toward the communication plan goals come May.