



## Developing the God-given Potential of Intelligent Students Who Learn Differently

Pathway School is a private, therapeutic elementary Christian school located in Laguna Hills. We serve children in self-contained classrooms in grades 3-8, and we understand and are only applying for a waiver is for grades 3-6. Our students struggle with learning disabilities such as ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, dyslexia, auditory processing disorder, and visual processing disorder. At Pathway, we understand that all children learn differently and that not all children can find success in a traditional classroom setting.

Pathway School provides a small group approach (12 students maximum per classroom) to learning within a culture that instills confidence, respect, self-worth, and a growth mindset. We ensure that no student falls between the cracks at Pathway. We recognize the unique qualities, gifts, and needs of each student and strive to help our students build upon their strengths while honoring their learning challenges. Our highly qualified staff employs research-based teaching strategies that complement the students' individual learning styles and allows them to overcome the obstacles blocking their way to academic success. Our staff compassionately assists students that may struggle with social skills to build those skills and develop positive social relationships.

When we had to shift to distance learning online in March due to COVID, it was a struggle for the majority of our students due to the types of learning disabilities they have. In addition to regular academic classroom time, our students receive 1:1 or small group instructional and therapeutic interventions for specific language disorders, fine/gross motor disorders, processing disorders and participate in social skills classes all provided by Pathway staff. Our students have extraordinary needs that cannot be fully met in a distance learning environment. Pathway parents, staff, and Board share a very real concern in the loss of learning and damage that will be done if our children are required to continue with distance learning.

Pathway School has full support from our teachers and staff, parent community and School Board to apply for Governor Newsom's waiver to start with in-person learning on August 25<sup>th</sup>. On July 22, 2020 I met with the entire teaching and support staff of Pathway School on July 23, 2020 I met with Pathway School's entire parent community and on July 24, 2020 I met with the Pathway School Board to gain support of re-opening to in-person learning on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Attached below are the required supporting letters from our teaching staff, classified staff, parents, School Board, community and additional documents; including our COVID protocols and safety measures to formally request a waiver for Pathway School to start with in-person learning.

I do hereby attest that this information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and I understand that any falsification, omission, or concealment of material fact may subject me to administrative, civil, or criminal liability.

Please note, that as a private school we do not have a Superintendent and that I, as the School Director, along with the school board of Pathway School serve as leadership. Please feel free to contact me if any more information is needed.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Corley", written over a white background.

Lisa Corley  
School Director, Pathway School