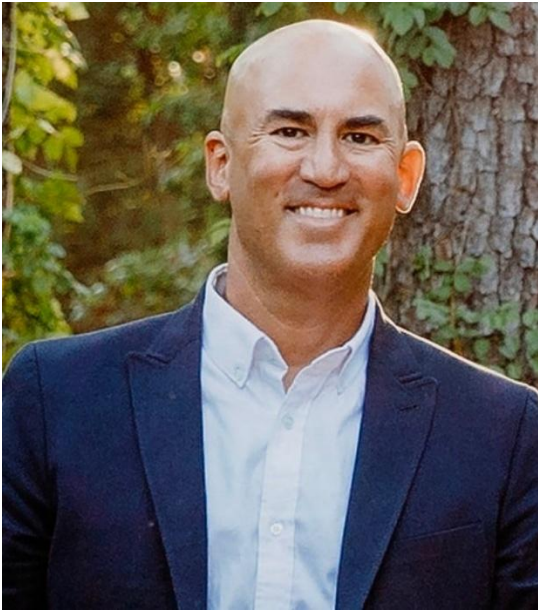


## Aaron Martin



I was truly humbled when I was approached by Cypress Christian School leadership and asked to consider serving on the CCS Board. While this was not something I had previously considered, I am honored to be part of the process.

First and foremost, my life is grounded in my love for and devotion to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I made the decision to follow Jesus at a young age, and although I still have a long way to go, His grace and faithfulness continue to shape my purpose and calling each day.

As a follower of Jesus, I am deeply committed to servant leadership. Over the past nine years at CCS, I have had the privilege of serving as a Dad on Duty and as a volunteer elementary soccer coach for all three of our children. These experiences have allowed me to invest in and connect with our school community, and I am very grateful for that.

My family and I have attended Bayou City Fellowship in Cypress for the past 10 years. During that time, I have been blessed to serve in children's ministry, participate in local and international mission trips and work with middle and high school students. Through these opportunities, I have had the privilege of mentoring and discipling students as they journey from high school to college and beyond, with some now raising families of their own.

I have lived in the Houston area since I was six years old, and my wife, Joanna, moved here from Illinois after college. Together, we are raising our three children, Katie (a CCS senior, attending Texas A&M University this Fall), Maddison (third grade) and Samuel (kindergarten), all of whom attend CCS. After Katie transferred to CCS in fourth grade, it quickly became clear to us that this was where we wanted our family to grow and invest.

I earned a bachelor's degree (in the pre-med program) from Baylor University with the intention of pursuing a career in medicine. However, after the tragic loss of my little brother in an accident caused by a drunk driver, my path changed significantly. Through that experience, I made the decision to pursue forgiveness and felt called to focus my life's work on helping children and families navigate pain and find a place of healing and hope. I then went on to earn my master's degree in psychology from Houston Baptist University. For the past 23 years, I have worked as a school psychologist, serving students, families and educators across a wide range of needs and backgrounds. My work includes collaborating with medical and mental health professionals, conducting psychological evaluations, developing interventions and providing counseling for students facing challenges such as anxiety, depression, learning differences, ADHD, autism and trauma. In addition, I have been a Licensed Professional Counselor for over 20 years, which allows me to support individuals and families outside of the school setting through a Christian, biblically grounded approach to counseling.

Through both my professional experience and personal calling, I have a deep commitment to supporting the whole child, academically, emotionally, and spiritually, and to partnering with families and educators in that mission.

Cypress Christian School has been an incredible blessing to our family. My desire is to see CCS continue to faithfully pursue academic excellence while equipping students with a strong biblical foundation and a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ. It would be an honor to serve our school in this capacity, and I trust the Lord's guidance in whoever is selected.