



Building and Growing Our Future Together

Forward Motion Insider Update - December 15, 2017

Dear Lisa,

As 2017 winds down and we reflect on the rich history of GCS, we also have an eye toward the future of our school. With your help, **Forward Motion** will make our dreams of a more welcoming, organized and modern learning space for the children of our community possible! One exciting aspect of the building expansion plan is the addition of an open, expansive, and multipurpose Community Room.

The Community Room is something that the staff are particularly enthusiastic about, given the limitations of the current space. In addition to providing ample area for gross motor development and creative movement, the Community Room will allow multiple groups to interact together in collaborative classroom activities and games. It will also enable hosting of family events for individual classes. As a flexible space, teachers will be able to engage their classes without having to first break down the room beforehand.

Exciting features of the Community Room are the stage and set-up of chairs for special school-wide gatherings. These can include creative opportunities and dramatic performances, guest visitor presentations, staff trainings, and family-centered events. Currently, families sit on closely-spaced children's chairs, stand in leftover space, and spill into the hallway for our school-wide happenings.

In addition to the curriculum-enhancing and logistical benefits of the room, the space can welcome community use at times, and allow for speaking engagements or special events. It is anticipated that the addition of the Community Room will dramatically enhance the experiences of GCS children, staff, and families, and can also benefit our community.

We welcome your questions and thoughts regarding the project, and invite your help in spreading the word about our efforts and the importance of our **Forward Motion Campaign** for Groton Community School.

Thank you for the Insider role you are playing in making our Community Room a reality for our children, staff and families. My best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful holiday season and a healthy, happy 2018!

All my best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie MacDonald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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