



Building and Growing Our Future Together

Forward Motion Insider Update - March 2, 2017

Dear Insider,

As we turn the page on the calendar, I can assure you that we are busily spreading the word about Forward Motion with friends and supporters of GCS! To achieve this, we continue to hold small informational neighborhood gatherings and are actively scheduling individual meetings in order to respond to questions and discuss individual plans to support the campaign. Our goal is to meet with many families in the next 8 weeks to finalize leadership support for our campaign before the public phase begins in June. We are excited to have just surpassed \$2 million in fundraising, and are striving to raise an additional \$1 - \$1.5 million through these meetings to begin this next phase of our project.

While these cultivation and fundraising efforts are underway, we are also engaged in the process of securing final approval for the permits required to proceed with the construction project. Our goal is to break ground at the end of June 2017! Last week, the school received unanimous approval of its application to the Stormwater Management Committee. This approval, and the anticipated approval from MA DEP, will strengthen the school's application to the Conservation Commission (ConCom) for approval of a new Notice of Intent. Public hearings before the ConCom and Planning Board for the next phase of permitting will take place soon.

We have an ambitious and exciting timeline in the next few months, and we are energized and encouraged by the positive feedback we continue to receive as we reach out to friends of the school. Thank you again for your involvement in these efforts to ensure a promising future for GCS.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie MacDonald".

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