



## Building and Growing Our Future Together

### Forward Motion Insider Update - May 18, 2017

Dear Insider,

I am writing in my role as Co-Chair of Groton Community School's **Forward Motion Campaign** to bring you up to speed on our progress so far.

Our campaign committees are working hard to share our building and expansion plans with families and friends who may be interested in fostering the future of GCS. We are excited to have surpassed \$2 million in fundraising. While this milestone represents tremendous progress, we still have much to do to reach our campaign goal of \$3.85 million. We are more committed than ever to the work of sharing our plans with the many friends and supporters of GCS whose help will be crucial in achieving this goal.

Reaching our campaign goal will depend upon the meaningful support of many in our community. As we meet with families to share information about the **Forward Motion** Campaign, we encourage them to consider pledging their support over the full five-year duration of the campaign. Spreading their pledge over a five-year window of time enables donors to offer meaningful support to the long-term strength of the school. An additional way in which donors can increase the impact of their support for **Forward Motion** is to take advantage of [matching gift](#) programs offered by their employers.

While 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. The school has received unanimous approval of its application to the Stormwater Management Committee and approval from the Town of Groton Planning Board. We are awaiting approval from the Conservation Commission in the near term. I will keep you posted with regular updates about **Forward Motion** in general and about upcoming opportunities to learn more about our plans. We welcome your interest and participation in the campaign and encourage you to join us in spreading the word. In the meantime, click [here](#) to view a short video about **Forward Motion**.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie MacDonald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

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