



## Building and Growing Our Future Together

### Forward Motion Insider Update - November 6, 2017

Dear Insider,

It's hard to believe that it is the beginning of November, with holidays close at hand. Now that the school year is well underway, we'd like to share with you some thoughts on how the **Forward Motion Campaign** and building project supports critical building blocks of Early Childhood Education.

The Learning Policy Institute in Palo Alto, CA, identifies several important elements of Early Childhood Education. Among these are "curricula that address the whole child"; "ongoing support for teachers, including coaching and mentoring"; "meaningful family engagement"; and "engaging interactions and classroom environments that support learning."

The **Forward Motion** project has been carefully planned in order to support all of the important elements of a quality Early Education program in our community. In addition to modernizing our thirty-three-year-old building, the **Forward Motion Campaign** project will create space for private family conferences, curriculum planning, and teacher collaboration. Larger classrooms will include enhanced activity centers, where our community's children are gaining experiences that will set them on the path to success in school and later in life. A new expansive Community Room will give children the opportunity to grow in their physical development with enhanced gross motor activities. And the Fund for Exceptional Teaching will support the recruitment, retention and professional development of dedicated GCS educators.

Click to read more about the Learning Policy Institute's research on [The Building Blocks of High-Quality Early Childhood Education Programs](#). And please visit [www.GCSForwardMotion.org](http://www.GCSForwardMotion.org) to learn more about the project. Click [here](#) for a sneak peek at our full Campaign video coming soon.

We welcome your thoughts and questions about 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.

All my best,

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