



Building and Growing Our Future Together

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Dear Insider,

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." – Fred Rogers

We at GCS take the work of childhood quite seriously. Classrooms are the hub for play, inspiring the innate curiosity and examination that leads to authentic and lasting learning. Groton Community School's **Forward Motion Project** seeks to enlarge and update the building to provide six connected, spacious classrooms. These spaces will invite the community's children to investigate hands-on activities and learn through their play experiences.

Increased natural lighting, access from each classroom to the beautiful playscape, additional floor space and integrated technology are among the many planned enhancements. Improved storage areas will allow for access to a wide range of creative materials to enhance children's explorations. These upgrades will allow for flexibility in programming and enhanced activity centers designed to engage children in their important work of constructive, creative and imaginative play.

To read more about creating great educational spaces, click on ["Space to Play and Learn"](#) from the Childhood101.com website.

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.

Your support of **Forward Motion** is essential to our success in creating these inspiring and engaging classrooms where young children will be eager to dive into play-based learning. Thank you for helping these children get down to business!

All my best,

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

Debbie MacDonald, co-chair Forward Motion Campaign

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