

Forward Motion Insider Update - July 22, 2019

Dear Insider,

We are very happy to report that the work of modifying the space at the former Country Day School - which will serve as Groton Community School's temporary home for the 2019-20 school year while our current site is under construction - is progressing smoothly and on schedule. We are excited by the possibilities this new, larger temporary space will provide!

Most of the interior work on this interim space will be completed later this month, allowing us time to furnish and equip the building for the opening of school in September. The anticipated move down the street will be finalized once Camp Kaleidoscope wraps up its final session in August.

Meanwhile, after receiving and evaluating three competitive construction bids for the *Forward Motion Project*, GCS has selected the firm of RP Masiello (of West Boylston, MA) as the construction manager for Phase One of our upcoming renovation/expansion of the current school building at 110 Boston Road. Phase One includes enlarging classrooms, creating a dedicated Children's Library and Technology Center, and building a welcoming reception area and conference spaces. According to our timeline, the construction of this first phase will begin in September 2019 and will be completed in time to welcome GCS children for the 2020-21 school year. We are, indeed, achieving *Forward Motion*!

Phase Two of the project, at a later time, will be the completion of a large multipurpose Community Room. This will provide much-needed space for large-motor development, school-wide events, and community activities.

We cannot overstate the importance of your ongoing support of our **Forward Motion**. As we've mentioned before, we continue to seek the funding necessary to realize all of the goals of the campaign (for both Phases One and Two), as well as your help in spreading the word about our exciting progress. To borrow some inspiration from the words of Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Please stay tuned for another update in the near future!

With gratitude,

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