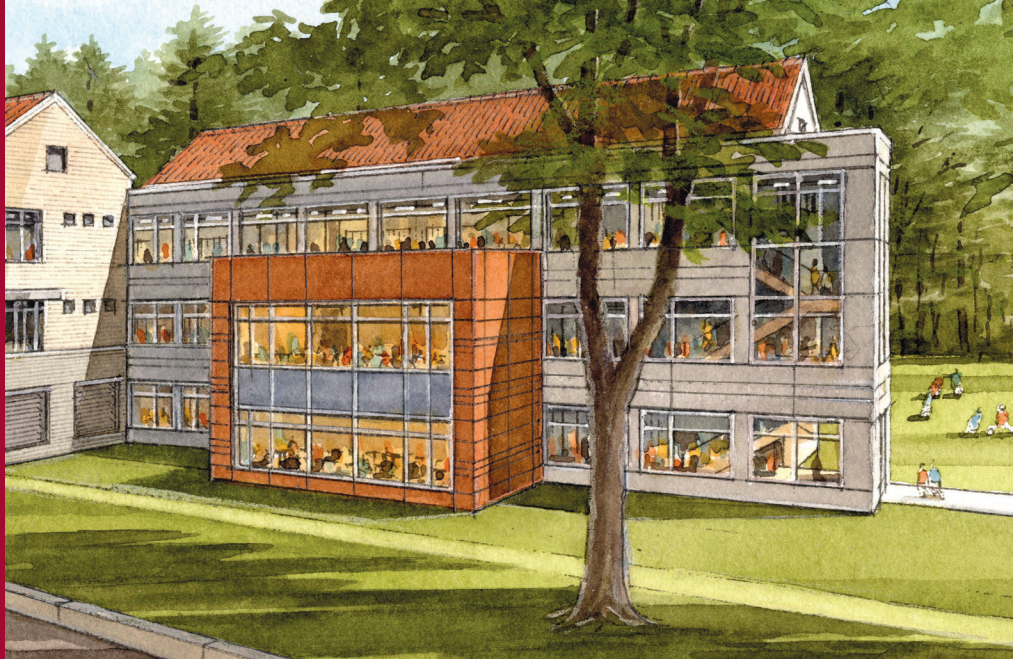




BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW

WINTER 2020 UPDATE



HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

MANY EARLY AND ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTERS HAVE STEPPED FORWARD TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE **BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW** PROJECT.

We are pleased to share that in just 11 months, our fundraising has exceeded \$12M, including an initial gift of \$5M from the Gui Family, the largest gift in the School's history. I am incredibly proud of our initial fundraising progress, and I am grateful for each family who has generously committed its support for this project and invested in our future. Our donors include parents from each division, parents of alumni, and grandparents. With each conversation we are learning about the pride families have for our School and the collective excitement for our strong future.

-Todd Vincent, Head of School



BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW BY THE NUMBERS



82%
TO GOAL



53
TOTAL DONORS



\$12.3M
RAISED



DR. MARLENA ALEX, HEAD OF THE LOWER SCHOOL



This is an important moment in the history of our School. The **Building a Better Tomorrow** project will have a profound and immediate impact on Dexter Southfield's lower school, enhancing our program in countless ways. I am particularly energized by the renewed sense of community resulting from this project, as the new lower school complex will physically unify our students and teachers into a Pre-K – Class 5 neighborhood. We will now have the facilities to inspire new ways of learning, innovating, playing, thinking critically – and so much more. I am inspired by our teachers' dedication to renewing and evolving our practice and academic program to meet the changing needs of our students and the new opportunities presented by this space."

PLANNING FOR A BETTER TOMORROW STARTS TODAY

As a result of the **Building A Better Tomorrow** project, the upper school will gain 33% more classroom space to be used for academic and co-curricular activities. With planning for the 2020-2021 school year underway, upper school teachers and administrators are collaborating to develop program enhancements that will benefit all students in Classes 9-12. Inspired by the opportunity to innovate, the upper school did not idle, instead launching a Model UN program in the fall of 2019. In just six months, the team has already competed in three programs, including the recent International Model UN Conference held at Boston University. During the course of three days, 14 students represented Austria and Bulgaria, seeking to remedy existing global issues. Students gained valuable experience in engaging in meaningful and noteworthy debate and discourse.

IN THEIR WORDS

What's it like to have a front row seat to the progress each day? Members of our lower school share their reflections.



CHARLOTTE, CLASS 4

At the beginning of the year it really didn't look like much, but now it's really changed. I like that there will be glass and it will be modern."



NUSSER, CLASS 2

I've counted the workers – there's maybe 20 out there. Or more? They are measuring the walls and foundations with tools, and I can see them do it from our classroom."

Editor's Note: On average, there are between 30 and 50 workers on site each day! Once the building is enclosed, the number will increase to 75 to 100.



HARPER, CLASS 2

Every day I like to stand by the construction site for a couple of minutes and watch what they are doing. They are making a lot of progress!"



CLARK, CLASS 1

I like when they poured the concrete and seeing the long pipe—it's almost 50 feet!"

