

The College Preparatory School

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Dear Neighbors,

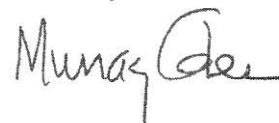
College Prep has been in the neighborhood since 1982. We weren't so far away before that, at our original campus on Claremont Ave. just above College Ave. from 1960 until our move to the little valley off Broadway. Our enrollment rather quickly grew to its planned level, and to accommodate our full enrollment and to meet program needs, we have made mostly modest-sized additions to the campus: small buildings for art, music, and language classes in the late 80's; a gymnasium in the early 90's; and a science building in the late 90's.

In this decade, we have moved and renovated classrooms and offices, and we have much improved the landscaping, but we have added no buildings. Since 2000, while our enrollment has remained fairly stable, our program needs have changed, and the demands on existing facilities have exceeded our ability to serve them well. We have added a language program (Chinese), we have increased our electives in history and the arts, and we have more small sections across the curriculum. We are *not* increasing enrollment, but we need to better meet the needs of our existing population and programs.

To determine how best to address these challenges, we undertook a thorough master facilities plan. We have identified three buildings nicely scaled to fit within the existing campus and enhancing the sense of intimacy and community that characterize the life of the school. One of these buildings will replace one of our existing buildings, and another will be built on the site now occupied by two of our original portables.

We want to show you our plans and invite your comments at a neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, May 6, at 7 p.m. in the Smith Room (under the Baldwin Gymnasium and just off the parking lot). I will be joined by our architect, from Ratcliff Architecture, and members of our Board of Trustees. We look forward to meeting you then.

Sincerely,



Murray Cohen
Head of School