Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! As we begin 2018, we have a number of exciting updates to share about the progress of our facilities expansion and Capacity to Lead Capital Campaign. We officially broke ground at our Upper School campus in December on a project that will right-size our space and create room for a richer, more robust learning environment that matches the college-preparatory mission of our school.

We are grateful to the many individuals and foundations, including lead donors Barr Foundation and the One8 Foundation, whose philanthropy has helped get us to this point. With four months left to go in FY18, we still have just under $3 million to raise. With the launch of our recently formed Campaign Committee, we are eager to continue our efforts to ensure that the 700 students of our school have access to facilities that match our rigorous college-preparatory mission.

Thank you for joining us for this journey. Whether you have already contributed to our Capacity to Lead campaign or are still considering a gift, please know we are grateful for your support.

With sincere appreciation,

Nicole Chang
Campaign Committee Chair
and Board Member

Shannah Varón
Executive Director
Fundraising Update

We mark the turn of the calendar year with nearly half of our $5 million fundraising goal raised for phase one of our facilities expansion. Our efforts began with the launch of our quiet phase of the Capacity to Lead campaign. With two lead gifts of $500,000 and the generosity of many additional individual and foundation donors, phase one of construction is underway to bring the following expanded facilities to the 500 students at Boston Collegiate Charter School’s Upper School campus during the 2018/2019 school year:

• A brand new multipurpose lunch room and convening space, which will, for the first time, allow for daily cross-grade interaction over a shared meal or assembly;
• 13 new classrooms;
• 11 new small classrooms and pull-out spaces; and
• An expanded college and career counseling suite; and
• Improved infrastructure for technology updates, including hi-speed, wireless internet access throughout the building.

We are grateful for the support of the Trustees of Boston Collegiate Charter School and its Foundation, and also extend our gratitude to the foundations, corporations, and individuals who have all made contributions to this effort. We look forward to sustaining momentum in 2018 to reach our $5 million goal by June 30th.

Establishing and Sustaining Excellent Teaching

At Boston Collegiate Charter School, one of our core tenets is that without great teachers, nothing else matters. That is why as part of our Capacity to Lead campaign, $1 million of our $5 million fundraising goal will establish a Fund for Teaching Excellence. In creating this Fund we will work directly with our teachers to determine how we can best recognize their tireless efforts while providing rich professional development and opportunities for innovation.

The goal of the Fund is to help support the retention of excellent teachers while elevating and supporting them to achieve even greater outcomes. Our vision is for the Fund for Teaching Excellence to be driven by teachers themselves because who better to guide the creation of a vehicle that honors the expertise and talent of teachers than those in the field?

Our Mission

The mission of Boston Collegiate Charter School is simple yet ambitious: to prepare each student for college. Located in Dorchester, we serve 700 students in grades five through 12 from every neighborhood of Boston.

We place the highest value on outstanding teaching, creating a diverse and enriching learning environment that serves the whole student, and sharing our best practices with others.

Since 2004, 100% of our graduates have received acceptances to four-year degree granting colleges.