Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that it was only one year ago, in December 2017, when we broke ground on our construction project. In 12 short months, we completed a comprehensive facilities expansion project and launched our Fund for Teaching Excellence to encourage continued growth, development, and innovation of our greatest asset: our teachers.

We undertook the challenges of construction and fundraising for a capital campaign while sustaining the rigor and caliber of Boston Collegiate Charter School’s academic program this past year. Students at our Upper School maintained their regular class schedule in a building that more often than not resembled a construction zone rather than a school. Despite the distractions, the determination of our students endured.

As our middle and high school students returned from winter break, they did so with full access to the new facilities of our expansion, including 13 classrooms, 11 small group break out spaces, a newly expanded college and alumni counseling suite, and a multipurpose lunch room and convening spaces — the Commons. We officially celebrated this milestone with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, January 28th and were proud to host special guests Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Congressman Stephen F. Lynch, and City Council President Andrea Campbell, who were joined by members of our school leadership, and donor, school, and neighborhood communities.

As one year ends and another begins, we are glad for the opportunity to reflect on all that for which we are grateful. There is so much to celebrate now because of the leadership and generosity our philanthropic supporters demonstrated over these last few years. Our community is stronger because of you and we invite you to stay with us as we continue this new chapter of our story.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us; thank you for helping Boston Collegiate Charter School regain the Capacity to Lead.

With sincere appreciation,

Nicole Chang
Campaign Committee Chair
Shannah Varón
Executive Director

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Facilities Sneak Peak

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Art classes have been elevated out of the basement and now will be held in two classrooms in the new building expansion. The former basement art classrooms are being converted into a dance studio and weight room.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

In celebration of the completion of construction, on Monday, January 28th, Boston Collegiate Charter School hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially unveil its newly expanded Upper School campus. Approximately 125 members of the school, neighborhood, and philanthropic community were on hand to help celebrate this major milestone.

Senior Kanilla Charles marveled at what the additions to the building will do for the school community and was humbled by the generosity of so many who made this project possible.

"I don’t think people know how much it really means to students; how great it feels to have a place to learn and grow such as this." — Kanilla Charles

Following the ceremony and ribbon cutting, which took place in the new three-floor addition to the building — the Connolly Fund for Teaching — students were invited to tour the three-floor addition to the building.

The Commons — the Upper School’s first-ever multipurpose student commons and surrounding space, will host school assemblies, dances, art performances, family meetings, and more.

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We started 2019 having crossed the $4 million threshold with lead support at the $200,000 level from both the Wellington Management Foundation and the Walton Family Foundation, for which we are immensely appreciative. Although the physical construction of our Upper School campus is now complete, we continue to raise support for our Fund for Teaching Excellence, which officially launched in Fall 2018. We are thrilled that a recent commitment of $250,000 from the Lewis Family Foundation, a long-time Boston Collegiate Charter School supporter, will continue to ensure the sustainability of our Fund for Teaching Excellence, which is already propelling innovative, new strategies by our teachers to pursue continued professional development and improvements to the educational experience offered to our students both in and out of the classroom.

Fundraising Update

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Following the completion of construction, the backyard turf field was replaced and is back in use for gym classes. In the future, Boston Collegiate Charter School hopes to add a gymnasium to its Upper School campus.

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