Dear Friends,

With the warmer weather now upon us, we are eager to share some exciting updates. Despite a snowy winter, construction continues at our Upper School campus and we remain on track for project completion by Fall 2018. As you’ll see inside, we recently celebrated a major project milestone at our topping off ceremony, commemorating the final beam of the steel structure being hoisted into place. We were thrilled to be joined by special guest Mayor Martin J. Walsh, as well as many members of our school, leadership, and donor community.

Since the time of our last newsletter in February, we are thrilled to share that we have raised more than $1 million in new commitments towards our overall $5 million capital campaign goal. Time and time again, the strength and reliability of the Boston Collegiate Charter School community continues to inspire us and we look forward to closing this campaign with your support.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to those of you who have already given generously to our Capacity to Lead campaign — our expansion would not be possible without you. If you are currently thinking about making a gift to Boston Collegiate Charter School, please know that we appreciate your consideration of supporting the 700 students whom we serve as they prepare for college.

With sincere appreciation,

Nicole Chang
Trustee and Campaign Committee Chair

Shannah Varón
Executive Director

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.

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It’s Not Too Late to Make Your Gift!

With construction well underway, we have been hard at work to close the gap on our $5 million capital campaign goal. In early April, we received a challenge grant in which we were tasked to raise $300,000 by mid-April to then receive a $100,000 gift from Larry and Atsuko Fish. With major gifts from Molly Shannon, Linda and Brooks Zug, Nickie Norris and Michael Shreve, Kristin and Scott Utzinger, Cary and Carroll Perry, Molly and Haven Ladd, Linda and Jay Hooley, and Diane and Bob Bolles, we are proud to share that the Boston Collegiate Charter School not only met the match, but we exceeded it by raising over $350,000.

With these new commitments, we have raised over $3.3 million to date towards our overall $5 million capital campaign goal. With just under $1.7 million to raise, it is not too late to make your gift to our Capacity to Lead campaign!

HELP US Regain the Capacity to Lead

To make a donation to Boston Collegiate Charter School’s Capacity to Lead capital campaign, please visit our website at www.bostoncollege.org/donate/

If you have questions or would like to make a gift of securities or appreciated stock, please contact Bethany Guen, Director of Development and Communications, at (617) 282-6710 or bguen@bostoncollege.org

Special naming and donor recognition opportunities are also available.

Topping Off

On Friday, April 27th, Boston Collegiate Charter School was joined by special guest Mayor Martin J. Walsh for a topping off ceremony to commemorate the completion of a major milestone in the construction of our new Upper School campus expansion. On hand to help us celebrate this major project milestone were students, families, teachers and staff, Trustees, and members of our generous donor community.

Emily Foster (Class of 2019) spoke about the strong familial culture among Boston Collegiate Charter School students and staff, noting that the “relationships formed at BCCS are remarkable and only highlight the school’s absolute and undeniable dedication to its students. Not only does BCCS allow for a close, diverse family to form, it also pushes all of its students to strive for personal excellence.” That said, there is one area for improvement that Foster identified, and that is the school’s facilities: “The hallways are crowded and empty space is rare. Many students find themselves at one point or another working in the hallways whether they be for group projects or just for a study hall. The new addition to the school changes everything.”

As construction continues to bring 13 new classrooms, 11 small group spaces, an expanded college and career counseling suite, improved technology infrastructure, and the school’s first ever multipurpose lunch room and convening space, Mayor Walsh paused to reflect on the progress of the project, which is on schedule for completion in November. “Today marks a significant milestone in Boston Collegiate’s quest to provide its hard-working students and educated teachers with the kind of facility they need and deserve in order to continue to thrive. I am happy to be here celebrating with the Boston Collegiate community and look forward to the great things these students are going to accomplish in this expanded building when it’s complete this fall.”