



Community
Preparatory
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Community Preparatory School's groundbreaking highlights community partnerships to create a recreational field and expand the school's campus

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza, City Council President Luis Aponte and Councilwoman Mary Kay Harris joined students, faculty, alumni and friends on Friday, June 10, to celebrate the official groundbreaking of Community Preparatory School's new 4,500-square-foot building addition and campus expansion.

"We are grateful to our partners, donors, staff and local community members for their support and belief in the future of Community Prep," said Dan Corley, founder and head of school. "This is the realization of a decades-long dream. The \$5 million construction project is part of Community Prep's \$15 million *REACH!* Comprehensive Campaign. The new addition will include administrative offices and student workspace. This will allow us to maximize classroom space in our current building. We are thrilled that our expansion also includes a recreational field that will be available to community groups, as well as our students."

During his comments, Mayor Elorza said, "This expansion is going to be felt not only by the Community Prep family, but by the entire surrounding community. This is more than just a construction project. This campus will span Somerset Street and connect to the Davey Lopes Recreation Center to provide the kind of opportunities that our kids need to grow, to play and to learn."

Since 1984, Community Preparatory School has given motivated students in grades three through eight the opportunity to reach for their dreams, regardless of family income. Located in South Providence, the independent middle school fosters academic excellence in an economically and culturally diverse student body. Community Prep students score higher on standardized tests than every school district in the state. Its eighth graders are accepted to Classical High School at three times the citywide rate, and 97 percent go on to college preparatory high school programs. Additionally, 94 percent of all students receive substantial financial aid. Current enrollment is 161 students.

"Community Preparatory School has been instrumental in helping local students reach their goals for more than three decades," said Robert A. DiMuccio, chairman, president and CEO of Amica Insurance. "As supporters of the *REACH!* Comprehensive Campaign, we at Amica are thrilled to see the expansion of their campus, and we look forward to hearing more success stories about these terrific kids."

Councilwoman Harris, who has been instrumental in launching the project, added, "I want to thank Community Prep for welcoming us into a partnership that is great for the neighborhood, as well the school. Thank you for being a good neighbor."

About Community Preparatory School:

Community Preparatory School gives motivated students in grades three through eight the opportunity to reach for their dreams, regardless of family income. Community Prep offers all the benefits of an independent school – small classes, challenging academics and a positive, nurturing environment – combined with the cultural and economic diversity of a public school. www.communityprep.org

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