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Community Preparatory School Kicks Off *REACH!* Campaign

Fundraising campaign will expand the Community Preparatory School campus, establish long-term fiscal sustainability, and provide scholarship support. Guests enjoy the All-School Art School at the Vets.

When: Wednesday, 4/6/16, 6-8 p.m., Celebratory Announcement at 6:45 p.m.

Where: PUBLIC Kitchen & Bar, in the Renaissance Providence Hotel, 120 Francis Street, Providence, RI.

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Community Preparatory School officially launches its *REACH!* Campaign. Realizing a decades-long dream, the campaign will expand the Community Preparatory School campus, establish long-term fiscal sustainability, and provide on-going scholarship support to the 96% of its students who receive substantial financial aid. The Kickoff coincides with the school's All-School Art show, displaying artwork from each of Community Prep's 150 students. Filling all the lobby and mezzanine space at the Vets, the show "Art Here, Art There, Art Everywhere."

SITUATION: Community Preparatory School is embarking on an ambitious strategic plan of growth that will further its record of success and enable the school to play an even greater role in the education – and lives – of Rhode Island children for years to come.

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GOAL: Serve a greater number of students (52% more) by expanding its campus to partner with Southside Elementary Charter School. Construct addition and build recreation field for school and community use.

Community Preparatory School gives motivated students in grades three through eight the opportunity to reach for their dreams, regardless of family income. Located in South Providence, the private school fosters academic excellence in an economically and culturally diverse student body. Despite the fact that the majority of its students receive free or reduced lunch, 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 83 percent of college-age alumni are enrolled in college or have completed their degrees.

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