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For Immediate Release:

Lincoln School's \$5M Building Beginnings Campaign Celebrates Little School's 25th Anniversary with a State-of-the-Art Expansion

Providence, RI (October 3, 2019)—Lincoln School's Building Beginnings Campaign, a \$5M project that will create a brand new Little School building to complement the existing Little School Carriage House and expand and enhance the Lower School, is slated to break ground in December 2019.

In partnership with Deslandes Construction of Warwick, RI and StudioMLA Architects of Brookline, MA, two companies with proven track records in school projects, the campaign is dedicated to both learning through discovery and connection through community.

Concurrent with the Little School's 25th Anniversary, the new 4,700-square-foot building will feature two state-of-the-art classrooms—one for young toddlers 18 months to two years, and one for older toddlers up to three years old—as well as a Studio for exploration and hands-on learning, and a dedicated outdoor play area. The addition will create the opportunity to welcome new families to Lincoln, opening up spaces for 24 additional students daily. The project is planned as both LEED-certified and net-zero ready, and will produce zero carbon emissions, testaments to Lincoln's Quaker tenets of environmentalism and stewardship of the earth.

"There has long been a demand for this project. Little School, which offers boys and girls six weeks to 3 years old a unique path to discovery through a child-directed, Reggio Emilia-inspired approach, operates on a continual waitlist throughout the year," said Kim Lough, Lincoln's Director of Early Childhood and Little School. "For 25 years, Lincoln's Little School has been leading the way, and I'm excited that the next evolution of Lincoln's campus will help elevate this already outstanding program."

The project will also include an enhancement of Lower School, including a best-in-class library and learning center with an emphasis on flexible, student-centered community space. Students will enjoy renovated STEAM learning facilities like the Makerspace, art, science, and music classrooms, and the school's front doors will be transformed into a modern and welcoming entrance that reflects the 21st-century learning that takes place inside.

A generous \$3M gift helped to kick off this campaign, which is the next step in Lincoln's 10-year campus improvement plan. Since this lead gift was announced, an additional \$1M has been raised, bringing the total to over \$4M to date, \$500,000 of which was given by The Murray Family Charitable Foundation. Three generations of Murray women have attended and served Lincoln, a legacy they extend to the school's future with this philanthropic gift.

Building Beginnings follows the award-winning STEAM Hub for Girls project, which received the prestigious Honor Award at the 2018 American Institute of Architects Rhode Island Design Awards.

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