



## Anticipated Move-In Date: June 27, 2024

Welcome to the third Capital Campaign Newsletter for the **Building Dreams Campaign**. This campaign is a pivotal driver in advancing Blue Oak School's journey to sustainability. We thank you for your incredible and unwavering support!

The addition of the new Blue Oak Middle School campus will:

- **Foster Academic Excellence:** Tailored academic spaces will meet the specific needs of each subject area, fostering immersive learning experiences.
- **Cultivating Purposeful Community Engagement:** A cohesive student community spanning kindergarten through eighth grade will offer opportunities and challenges for mutual responsibility.
- **Embracing Diversity and our Mission:** In the heart of downtown Napa, we are creating more accessible spaces for the broader Napa Valley community.

### Completing the Dream

Thanks to the visionary leadership of a small group of current Blue Oak families, we have secured bridge financing that will ensure the timely completion of our Middle School construction this summer. With this milestone achieved, we are now focusing on securing the long-term sustainability of Blue Oak School.

Having joined us on this six-year journey, from the purchase of the property to the imminent opening of our doors, you are aware of the challenges our school has overcome and the successes we have celebrated. As we approach the grand opening of our new campus for the 2024-2025 school year, we have much to be proud of.

We're delighted to announce that to date we have raised over \$19 million of the \$28 million total project cost of our new campus, which includes the initial purchase of the land. Our immediate goal is to bridge the \$9 million financing gap. Every dollar raised will lower our debt service, empowering us to invest more in our students, faculty, and further enhance Blue Oak School's program and community impact. Our success depends on the collective efforts of our entire community coming together to support our vision for Blue Oak School's future.

### Transitioning to a Unified Campus

Our Blue Oak Transition Team of faculty members and parents will oversee and manage the move and transition into our new learning space. With a scheduled occupancy date of June 27th and our Hayes

Street campus lease expiring on June 30th, there is truly not a moment to spare! Our team is planning for an efficient and smooth transition.

**Thank you to The Transition Team for all of their critical support:** *Marisol Fernandez, Paul Cooke, Mary Smartt, Dawn Carleton, Meagan Kemps, Yvette Sherer, Jean Lord, Kimberly Aragon and Jon Fulk*

### **The 2024 Blue Oak School team managing the project!**

The team supporting Blue Oak School on this monumental endeavor comprises legal, financial, education, construction, development, marketing and fundraising expertise. Here are some of our team members:

- a. **Head of School:** Jon Fulk
- b. **Board Chair:** Carol Kingery Ritter
- c. **Capital Campaign Committee:**
  - Kitty Oestlien (Board Advancement Chair)
  - Carol Kingery Ritter
  - Mark Strode
  - Mario Marte
  - Dan Haspel
  - Etta Williams (Director of Advancement)
  - Jon Fulk
  - Joe McKown (CFO)
- d. **Finance Committee:**
  - Hank Miller (Board Finance Chair)
  - Dan Haspel
  - Mario Marte
  - Steve Taylor
  - Carol Kingery Ritter
  - Jon Fulk
  - Joe McKown
- e. **Construction Committee:**
  - Carol Kingery Ritter
  - Hank Miller
  - Casey Hughes
  - Michael Jennaro
  - Joshua Reed
  - Dan Wetherall (Ratcliff)
  - Ken Defiebre (KSD)
  - Mark Strode
  - Jon Fulk

### **The extended team behind the building construction!**

- a. **Architect:** [Ratcliff](#), back again after 20 years! This firm led the renovation of our Lower School at the start of Blue Oak's story. The team deeply understands our mission and are our lead designers on this project.
- b. **Engineering:** [RSA](#), is an award winning electrical and mechanical engineering firm responsible for architecture and education projects.
- c. **Construction:** [DavisReed](#), is a respected construction group responsible for a variety of notable projects in the Valley.

- d. **Construction Management:** [The KSD Group](#) manages our project by supporting the reduction of the risk for our school by overseeing costs, schedule and work quality.

**Come in and take a peek! (Click the image below for a virtual tour)**

