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## **Let the Discovery Begin – Sayre’s New Lower School Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting**

Sayre School will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for its **37,000 square foot new Lower School building** on **Wednesday, August 22 at 3:00 p.m.**

The **\$10 million building** includes 18 classrooms and two signature elements on each end of the building: a dedicated library, and a lower level multi-purpose room for gross motor activity, Extended Day, fine art performances, and large group gatherings. In addition, the building features an innovation room, state-of-the-art science laboratory that opens onto a rooftop terrace, art room, music room, and learning specialist’s offices. The landscape and playscape areas around the building connect the outside environment with the classrooms. These outdoor spaces are an extension of our educational philosophies and as such provide opportunities for physical activity, experimentation, play and creative expression.

**Among the guests attending** the ribbon cutting ceremony are Mayor Jim Gray, Board of Trustee Chair Andrea Tew, Head of School Stephen Manella, Head of Lower School Annie Papero, and representatives from architects Orcutt |Winslow and Dean Builds.

The new Lower School will accommodate over 250 students age two through grade four. The building will provide a modern, child-centered and environmentally sound space to support and compliment Sayre’s rich, integrated, project-based curriculum. Lexington’s downtown currently is enjoying a renaissance that we are proud to be a part of. **This renaissance is bringing both businesses and young families to work and live in the heart of Lexington’s urban core.**

For over 160 years, Sayre has been educating students to be independent thinkers with the intellectual and emotional preparation needed to pursue their educational and personal goals with confidence and integrity. The strong framework of academic excellence begins in Sayre’s Lower School and provides students with the foundation for continued scholastic success, which fosters their lifetime love of learning.

***Our Mission:***

***Sayre School provides an innovative and inclusive learning environment that empowers students to achieve academic excellence, embrace challenge, and cultivate integrity in order to lead purposeful lives in an ever-changing world.***