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Dear Capitol Hill Day School Community,

For the past eight months, the Capitol Hill Day School Board and Administration have been hard at work thinking strategically about the School's facility needs. As an outcome of this effort, we are very excited to announce the signing of a lease for space in the historic Farren's Stable building at 218 D Street, SE. To learn more about the facility, **we invite you to attend an open house at this new site from 5:00-7:00pm on February 7.** This event is for adults only, but rest assured that, in due time, students will get to see this exciting new space!

There is a saying in education that "space is the third teacher." In partnership with architects, the School has a unique opportunity to design a new setting explicitly tailored to enhance our program. Through this project, we are confident we can create an innovative learning environment that will continue to make our pedagogy and curriculum responsive and relevant to the world in which our students live and the future they will inherit.

In tandem with the efforts around facility and through ongoing reflection, a group of faculty and staff is developing a plan to use existing strengths to make the Capitol Hill Day School middle school program even more reflective of our deep and long-standing commitment to teaching and learning. We are thrilled to marry access to a new facility with our vision for middle school education.

If all goes according to schedule, our plan is to have full access to the space starting in the fall of 2018. That said, there are a number of steps ahead of us, including completing our design with architects, securing contractors, and ultimately navigating the renovation process. Additionally, though the facility is zoned for non-profit, business use, we are required to obtain a zoning exception to use the facility for educational purposes. Any of these steps could potentially delay our access to the space, but nothing would affect our ability to open school in the fall of 2018, as we can continue to operate in our existing space.

Growth, development, and innovation, based on a deep commitment to our mission and philosophy of teaching and learning, are hallmarks of Capitol Hill Day School. As we head into our 50th year, we are extremely excited for what we believe this project means for the future of our middle school program, as well as the entire early childhood through eighth grade program.

We hope to see you on February 7!

Best,

Jason Gray
Head of School

Lily Brown
Chair, Board of Trustees