



***Green and Growing* Campaign for FCS** **Frequently Asked Questions**

- **Estimated project cost: \$1.4 million**

School construction cost is typically between \$275 and \$300 per square foot; this project will fall in this range, or about \$1.4 million for an additional 5,000 square feet of space.

- **Space is short**

This year we are short one classroom; in three years we will be short two classrooms because the fuller lower grades will be entering the middle school grades.

- **Fast project timetable: Done by Dec 2012**

Construction is slated for completion by December 2012. The vagaries of construction may mean that the spaces will be completed and occupied in sections rather than opened all at once. The design of the additional space, in three sections, makes this possibility feasible.

- **Funded entirely through charitable contributions**

The project is planned to be fully funded through charitable contributions. The Board prizes our economic diversity and is committed to keeping affordable tuition. The Board has not authorized a tuition increase to fund the project. If donations do not fully fund the project, the Board will adjust the project scope.

The extraordinarily generous matching gift program is a great opportunity for us -- parents, grandparents and others -- to double the value of our gifts.

Charitable gifts to the project qualify for tax deduction, unlike tuition.

- **The Annual Giving Fund is a part of the Green and Growing Campaign for FCS**

For simplicity and efficiency, we have also folded the Annual Giving Fund, which supports the yearly operations of the school, into the *Green and Growing* Campaign for FCS.

- **Why not trailers?**

Trailers are costly to install: they cost 2/3 of new space cost, with few of the benefits. They require similarly lengthy review and approvals. The space is limited and generic, inherently separate from the rest of the school, and has short life span compared with built space.

- **Experienced, local green architect: WMCRP**
FCS has engaged an experienced local school architect, WMCRP, to design the building. The plans for the project are currently under review at County agencies.
- **Continued commitment to green projects**
The architect has incorporated many green design/materials options, seeking the best combination of value and longevity while staying green.

Project Features

Compatible with the existing building
Preserves site integrity
Uses green building design principles
Selected materials for longevity and
low maintenance requirements
Meets LEED standards
Evaluating a solar panel program