



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY IS A CAMPAIGN ESSENTIAL RIGHT NOW?

Seven short years ago, The Emery/Weiner School (EWS) opened on a brand new, state-of-the-art, twelve-acre campus. At the time, the architects and the school's leadership envisioned that three buildings would comfortably house the 200 plus Middle School students then enrolled, along with an estimated future Upper School population of 200—a number not expected to be achieved for several years. That time has already arrived. In fact, beginning in the fall of 2007, Emery/Weiner's Upper School building will surpass its maximum capacity. It is now crucial to launch a Capital Campaign to expand the facility and the school's program as rapidly as possible in order to meet the needs of today's student body and plan for future growth.

HOW WILL THE NEW FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMING AFFECT CURRENT AND FUTURE STUDENTS?

As Emery/Weiner's student body grows, so must its facilities and programming. The most pressing needs include additional classrooms for our growing number of students, and new space to accommodate more teachers and specialists. New state-of-the-art space is needed to expand many types of enrichment programs to prepare today's students, including:

- A lecture hall with flexible seating will serve as a venue for many different purposes, such as academic classes, parent meetings, and even special religious services.
- A black box theater will allow more diversified theater offerings, in keeping with Emery/Weiner's positive reputation as one of the finest schools for performing arts in the city.
- New music rooms featuring an instrumental music program will accompany the vocal options we presently offer.
- An outdoor athletic pavilion will bolster the sports program and allow much-needed practice space.

HOW MUCH MONEY IS BEING RAISED?

The goal of the campaign is \$10.5 million. This money will pay for the new construction, cover the cost of renovating certain existing space (such as faculty office space and locker rooms), enable the purchase of new furnishings and equipment, substantially enhance our endowment and allow for the acquisition of adjacent land.

WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO BEGIN AND END CONSTRUCTION?

As of November 5th, construction is officially underway. The estimated completion date is the beginning of the 2008/09 school year.

HOW DO YOU PLAN ON PAYING FOR OPERATING COSTS?

The Emery/Weiner School is forward-looking and sensitive to designing solutions now that will ensure we can cover operating costs to an expanded facility. Thus, we are working with the architect and contractor to ensure that the expansion is not cost-prohibitive yet allows us to plan responsibly for the future. We have developed detailed pro-forma budgets related to projected operating costs under various future scenarios. Included in the campaign goal are monies for endowment, which will guarantee an annual payout to cover the cost of increased operations in the future.