



2022/2023 Expansion News!

Dear Friends of Cow Hollow School,

Thank you for taking the time this year to get to know us through all of our virtual tours, chats with me and Leslie! It has been a delight to get to know you and hope that learning about the magic within these walls has been informative. I am writing to keep you up to date some new and exciting news for Cow Hollow School.

As you heard about on the tours, the CHS Board and Administration constantly explores ways to improve access and inclusion to the magic that is CHS. Our intention, since 2005, has been to make Cow Hollow the gold standard of a socially just, diverse, accessible, and equitable school and secure a long life for our school. Over the past three years, we have even more passionately committed to a journey of rigorous research to make this vision come to life. We sought feedback from the parent community, benchmarked our program to peer schools, revised our mission statement, determined the barriers to access and inclusion, sought expert advice, and evaluated the top strategic priorities for the school. As a result of thorough inspection, analysis and synthesis of information, we recognized that the limitations of the part-day program significantly impacted our ability to reach our diversity, equity, access and inclusion goals.

As you heard, this school year we made significant efforts to move us closer to our strategic goals by lengthening the number of hours and days of week children were able to come to school and launched our fuller day programming for our 4-5th year old classes (from 4 to 7 hours). You also heard often that we recognized that to fully accomplish our mission and secure a long life for CHS, we would need to move out of our small, although lovely building, to accommodate for a rest period, fuller day and fuller year programming. A larger space would not only accomplish all of that but offer an in-house space for our COLLABORATORY workshops for parents and teachers - keeping us at the forefront of early childhood education leadership.

This letter is not only intended to celebrate our success in getting closer to our strategic plans for accessibility, inclusion and constant advocacy for families and young children, but to foreshadow some very exciting news!

We LOVE being in the Presidio and have carefully investigated real estate options in and near the Presidio to reach our goals. As a Board we prioritized this magical location, reviewed its limitations and potentialAND are beyond excited to say that we are inches away from securing a space that would allow us to maximize our potential, our future and mission, HERE in the Presidio!

In March decisions about the 2022-2023 school year enrollment will go out and we recognize that this information about a new space, although exciting, might raise questions. We are still working out the lease details with the Presidio but want to highlight some very important information:

- **We are looking to be in the new building for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year - January 2023.**
- **To make the transition smooth for families who enroll at CHS for the 2022-2023 school year, you will be able to keep your original schedule for the remainder of the year in the new building.**

- **OR you will have the option to increase your programming to a fuller day (core programming 9-4pm).**
- **The new building is within less than half a mile of the current CHS with all of the wonderful access to the Presidio and even more enclosed yard space.**
- **The following school year, 2023-2024, all programs will have a fuller day and fuller year.**
- **Should you not receive an acceptance immediately in March (as spaces are limited in our current building) and are interested in a January start date, please let us know as we will have additional spots available in our new building!**
- **Most importantly, the integrity of our current program will continue: low child to teacher ratios, excellent teachers and thought leadership, inquiry based curriculum, robust tuition assistance, nature based learning, and a menu of parent participation and engagement opportunities, etc!**
- **All that makes the MAGIC that is CHS will be maintained, amplified and sustained, long into the future!!!!**

And while we do not have all of the details at this time (we are currently in lease negotiations which must remain confidential), we are energized by the possibilities that are ahead of us. Within a couple months or so we should have more details to present and will reach out to you again.

Although we recognize that the magic within the walls of our building is made with skills, joy, excellence in early education we also acknowledge, wholeheartedly, that the magic exists because of each and every family in conversation and community with us. Thank you for your interest, your kindness and engagement.

Sincerely,
Darcy Campbell, Executive Director