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Groundbreaking Ceremony at Howard Gardner School celebrates expansion of Scranton's only public charter school

SCRANTON, PA — Members of the Howard Gardner Multiple Intelligence (MI) Charter School will celebrate an important milestone this spring as they initiate a \$4.2 million project to expand and improve their campus in East Mountain in the City of Scranton.

A Groundbreaking Ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 15, at 1 p.m. in the lower lot of the school's property at 1615 East Elm Street, Scranton. Highlights of the program include remarks by Chief Executive Officer Marie Angelella George, Ph.D., and President of the Board of the Trustees Susan Trussler, Ph.D. Professionals from Hemmler & Camayd Architects will unveil designs for the new addition. The project is slated for completion in spring 2022.

As part of Phase II of the School's Master Facility Plan, this project addresses the growing needs of the campus community, allowing students and teachers to fully utilize the 9.5 acres of land on school grounds. Indoors, the addition of seven classrooms will alleviate the need to share space among grade levels. Outdoors, a new entrance at the lower campus property will improve traffic flow and safety during student arrival and dismissal.

In addition to Hemmler & Camayd Architects, project partners include: Sordoni Construction, Mar-Paul Construction, Scranton Electric Heating and Cooling Service, and Joyce Electrical. All partners were selected through a competitive proposal process in compliance with legislative requirements for Pennsylvania public charter schools. The project is made possible through financing with FNCB Bank.

The Groundbreaking Ceremony is open to the public. Guests are asked to wear masks, and adhere to current social distancing guidelines. To learn more about Howard Gardner MI Charter School, visit howardgardnerschool.com, or call 570.941.4100.

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About Howard Gardner MI Charter School

Howard Gardner Multiple Intelligence Charter School is the only public charter school serving the greater Scranton area with students representing 13 nearby school districts. Educating children in grades K-8, the school is tuition-free and annually admits students via a public lottery. The school's mission is influenced by Howard Gardner, a Scranton native and Professor of Cognition and Education at Harvard University, whose groundbreaking theory of multiple intelligences identified a holistic, experiential and personalized approach to educating children.