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Elder Construction & Hauser Architects Break Ground on 1st Phase of Fort Collins Montessori School's New Campus

PSD charter school under construction at the southwest corner of West Harmony Road and South Shields Street

Fort Collins, CO, February 4, 2020 - On February 1, 2020 Fort Collins Montessori School (FCMS) staff, students, and parents came together with the project teams from Elder Construction and Hauser Architects to celebrate the ground break for FCMS' new campus located on the southwest corner of West Harmony Road and South Shields Street.

"Elder Construction is proud to participate in building schools. Endeavors like the Montessori school in Fort Collins lets us, in a small way, contribute to the growth and education of our youth. Allowing us to live out our vision to 'leave this place better than we found it'. This work matters and brings deep meaning to our team. Schooling is an absolute fundamental step to a successful life, and we feel privileged to part of the team that is going to secure the success of the children in our community for years to come. 'Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere' - Chinese Proverb" - Chris Elder, President, Elder Construction

The new campus will combine FCMS' two existing locations into one and offer space for an additional 60 students. Open August 2020, the first phase includes 1 building just under 15,000 square feet with two playgrounds to support Pre-K through 6th grade. The design provides open classroom settings with a connection to the outdoors and plenty of natural day lighting. The corridor space allows for circulation and provides areas for additional learning.

Families and FCMS staff had quite an experience on Saturday as their shovels threw dirt and pictures were snapped to capture the moment. In addition to dirt flying, FCMS also created a learning experience where kids could plant marigolds to nurture at home.

Fort Collins Montessori School is the only public elementary Montessori option in Northern Colorado.

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It offers full- and half-day preschool as well as a tuition-free K-6th. Applications for enrollment are being accepted now - learn more at www.focomontessori.com.

ABOUT FCMS

Fort Collins Montessori School (FCMS) provides a classic PreK-6th grade Montessori program that inspires and empowers children with an exceptional educational experience based on the principles and philosophy of Doctor Maria Montessori. Founded in 2014, FCMS is a Poudre School District public charter school and is the only Montessori school in Northern Colorado to offer Montessori education past kindergarten.

About Elder Construction

Elder Construction is a privately owned and operated Colorado-based general contracting company serving Northern and Southern Colorado with offices in Windsor and Colorado Springs. We provide construction management services to clients with a focus on building quality relationships with our team, clients, trade partners, and our communities. Learn more at www.ElderConstructionInc.com

About Hauser Architects, P.C.

Hauser Architects, P.C. is a full-service architecture firm offering land planning, architectural design, project development, landscape design and consulting work for commercial, civic and residential projects. With three decades of experience and strong Colorado relationships, we are proud to have built one of Northern Colorado's most successful architecture firms. Learn more at www.hauserarchitectspc.com

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