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Breakwater Learning's Board of Trustees would like to announce an exciting acquisition and celebrate with our community!

Following responsive action by many on the Board of Trustees, we acquired the only adjoining property expanding our footprint! In August the school purchased 838 Brighton Avenue, the property and house directly behind our Jessie Building. Bordered, as we are, by streets and city property, this house was the only opportunity for us to expand. For decades this has been a strategic priority for the school and offers many benefits.

The board was able to consider and take action quickly. We are enormously grateful to several Breakwater families on the Board who made substantial donations allowing this purchase to happen. The Board has decided that, for now, the house will be the required residence of our Executive Director, David Sullivan. David has graciously accepted.

At the present, it offers our Executive Director the opportunity to use the space for meetings and entertaining that continues to be part of the role. This also puts us on a more competitive level with other Head of School positions who offer housing for the attraction and retention qualified leaders. In addition to more outdoor space behind the Jessie, the expansion of our land footprint brings opportunities for potentially larger expansions of the Jessie building. Opportunities to dream.

Breakwater has grown from a small Preschool in El Costa's house in 1956 to a 4 building campus in the heart of Portland with 175 students ranging from 18 months to 8th grade. We look forward to continued growth in our 61st year and are happy to have you all with us. Please join the Board of Trustees in celebrating Breakwater's newest expansion and continued good health. It is only through the support of our community that we can continue to offer the wonderful programming you value so highly, so thank you!

Best regards,

Jo Pierce
Chair, Board of Trustees