

The World Needs More Mabin Campaign

The Mabin School is now 37 years old. At each step of our history we have grown by leaps and bounds. Once again, we are at that place where we are going to stretch our wings and grow into our next phase. In order to accomplish this, we are going to continue to be a centre of excellence in progressive education, and build a facility to house learning for all ages known as the **Community Learning Lab**. Moving beyond just the small number of students who benefit from attending The Mabin School, we are ready to amplify our impact by hosting a variety of services which will engage our local, provincial, national, and global community.

The Community Learning Lab will improve the experience of current Mabin students, while allowing us to invite the larger community to participate in the best that Mabin has to offer. In this new, modern, fully-accessible space, we will:

- create a learning space big enough to hold essential learning resources for students, educators, parents, and community members alike, a meeting space where people of all ages can collaborate across disciplines;
- provide opportunities for Mabin parents and others to learn about best practices in parenting and new research in child development;
- house educator institutes on student-led inquiry and children's mental health;
- bring seniors and students together for inter-generational programming, an evidence-based practice that improves outcomes for both;
- invite Mabin and other children to extend their learning through after-school and weekend Enrichment Programs, like Saturday morning classes;
- engage alumni in networking events that are meaningful and deepen their connection to the Mabin community;
- establish a Saturday morning Parenting Centre for the larger community, where parents of young children can meet and learn about the power of play in nurturing young learners;
- share our resources with like-minded organizations and community members where such partnerships are mutually beneficial.

The Community Learning Lab will house a new and spacious library, as well as break-out rooms for service providers (e.g. Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists). The addition will include increased space for our kindergarten classes, custom-designed to incorporate natural light and provoke learning through play. Our plan is also to create a more welcoming and functional main office, establish a dedicated French room, and relocate our Grade 1 classroom to the ground level. Additionally, the parking lot will be replaced with green space that will enlarge students' play area. The main building will be refreshed so that the spirit of the original school is maintained, while the learning spaces are improved.

The addition of the Community Learning Lab will increase the overall space of the school by 25% enabling Mabin to share its knowledge and resources with a much broader audience. Mabin will be learning from the larger educational community while contributing to the body of knowledge that currently exists in a significant and meaningful way. For anyone who has ever been a part of The Mabin Community, the conclusion is clear: the world needs more Mabin.

The World Needs More Mabin Campaign will also have a very positive impact on the day to day operations of The Mabin School. It has been many years since a major redevelopment and refreshing has been done to the facility. The administration has sought advice on the effective use of the facility. Every corner and spot in the existing building is utilized to its full potential. The redevelopment will provide us with a reformatted footprint and additional space to operate the school. The impact on students and faculty will be dramatic.

To build the Community Learning Lab The Mabin School is in a **\$4 million** campaign to raise the funds to build the Community Learning Lab and redevelop the existing facilities. The goals of the campaign are to increase the awareness of The Mabin School to key constituents and donors, and to secure **\$4 million**. There will be no government funding, and all funds will be secured from the private sector.