

The World Needs More Mabin Campaign

For 40 years The Mabin School has been a centre of excellence in progressive education. Ours is a legacy of growth and progress and we face now a unique inflection point: we are going to grow into our next phase, and build a facility to house learning for all ages known as the **Community Learning Lab**. The Mabin School exists within a larger web of local, provincial, national, and global communities. The Community Learning Lab will provide the context and springboard for us to amplify our impact beyond the small number of students who benefit from attending The Mabin School and engage those wider communities.

The Community Learning Lab will improve the experience of current Mabin students. It will also allow 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 new research in child development and best practices in parenting;
- host 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;
- house 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.

Specifically, the Community Learning Lab will house a new and spacious library and a beautiful new art studio. The addition will include increased space for our kindergarten classes, custom-designed to incorporate natural light and provoke learning through play. We will establish a dedicated French room, relocate our Grade 1 classroom to the ground level, and create a more welcoming and functional main office. Outside, this addition will enlarge students' play area by replacing the existing parking lot with green space. The main building will be refreshed so that the spirit of the original school is maintained, while the learning spaces are improved.

For anyone who has ever been a part of The Mabin Community, the conclusion is clear: the world needs more Mabin.

The reformatted footprint is the realization of years of due diligence and expert advice on effective use of the facility: every corner and spot in the existing building will be utilized to its full potential. 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 learn from and engage with the larger educational community in new ways, contributing to the body of knowledge that currently exists in a significant and meaningful way.

The redevelopment of existing facilities and creation of the Community Learning Lab is being realized through *The World Needs More Mabin Campaign*, the first capital campaign in the school's history. The campaign's **\$4 million goal's** positive impact on the day to day operations of The Mabin School will be far reaching and immediate.

With no government funding, and all funds secured from the private sector, an aim of *The World Needs More Mabin Campaign* is to increase awareness of The Mabin School to key constituents and donors, and to secure the remaining \$700,000 needed to reach this **\$4 million** fundraising milestone.

Our hope is to boast 100% participation in the campaign

Recognition Opportunities

As part of our first major capital campaign, The Mabin School Board of Directors has created a Donor Recognition Program. Already, we have had major gifts that have led to the naming of the new Learning Commons, new Art Studio, new Staff Room, the Music Room, the Gym, Innovation Station, our Intergenerational Programs and our Community Programs. Permanent recognition, such as a donor wall, will start at the \$5,000 level.

The following rooms and programs have not yet been named (as of September, 2021):

New Addition -- Donation of \$1 million

The entire Community Learning Lab (Learning Commons, Art Studio, and Kindergarten Rooms)

Program Naming -- Donation of \$500,000 - \$999,999

Bursary/Financial Support Programs

Professional Conferences

Parenting Conferences

Room Naming – Donation between \$250,000 and \$499,999

The “Infinity Track” Running Track

Early Learning Centre

Outdoor Basketball Court

Room Naming – Donation between \$50,000 and \$99,999

Kindergarten playground

Kindergarten Classroom

Grade 1 Classroom

Grade 2 Classroom

Grade 3 Classroom

Grade 4 Classroom

Grade 5 Classroom

Grade 6 Classroom

Room Naming – Donation between \$25,000 - \$49,999

Main Office

Technology Office

Breakout Rooms

Kitchen

French Room

Accessible washroom

Wheelchair lift

Outdoor classroom

Outdoor theatre

Outdoor climbing space

Loose parts playground