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A step toward the future



Image of north side of first new building as outlined in the Campus Master Plan.

“It’s an exciting time to be a part of TIS,” explains Matt Schweitzer, President of the Board at The International School (TIS). “The school’s academic program is very strong, and the future is looking bright.” TIS has a well articulated Campus Master Plan, and **the Board is moving forward with plans for a new classroom building on the land above Stearns Hall.** “We’ve always done the best with the facilities we’ve had, and this is our first opportunity to create a building that is designed specifically for our needs,” Matt says.

The school’s current facilities have come together over the years

as the school has grown. The Hilltop Building was leased in 1993; the small and large modular buildings were added in 1997 and 2000, respectively; Stearns Hall was purchased and renovated in 2006-07; and the Arthur Building was leased in 2009. TIS clearly needed a comprehensive, forward-thinking approach to campus development.

The Campus Master Plan is a product of the school’s Strategic Plan, a comprehensive site-selection process, and input from teachers, parents, staff and students. It is designed to provide purpose-built facilities for our current student body with minimal

enrollment growth.

The Plan’s implementation began in 2012 when the school purchased the Hilltop Building and three parcels of land above Stearns Hall. With these acquisitions, TIS gained more control over infrastructure and facility costs by paying into a mortgage instead of paying rent to a landlord. As Lynda Wannamaker, parent and former Board member, explains, **“The Campus Master Plan provides a sustainable vision for the school** because it helps identify capital and maintenance priorities. This allows for more manageable programming and funding of capital improvements.”

Now with the prospect of the first new building, the community has a lot to be excited about. “Seeing actual building plans makes the vision much more concrete,” says Lynda. “It’s a big step toward our future.”

The first building will be located mid-block on SW Caruthers Avenue above Stearns Hall. The design incorporates balanced day lighting, energy efficient features, and technological infrastructure that supports the school’s mission. It will be two stories tall on the uphill side and

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 three stories on the downhill side. The two upper floors will each contain five classrooms and shared activity areas which can be used for special projects, independent work or as a gathering space for teachers, parents, volunteers and staff. The configuration allows a full grade level to be grouped on one floor, and will enhance collaborative and cross-language academic opportunities.

Head of School Robert Woods emphasizes, "It is designed to maximize the choices for learning – group learning, individual learning, as well as mixing and matching teaching styles. This approach supports the way children learn

through our student-centered International Baccalaureate program."

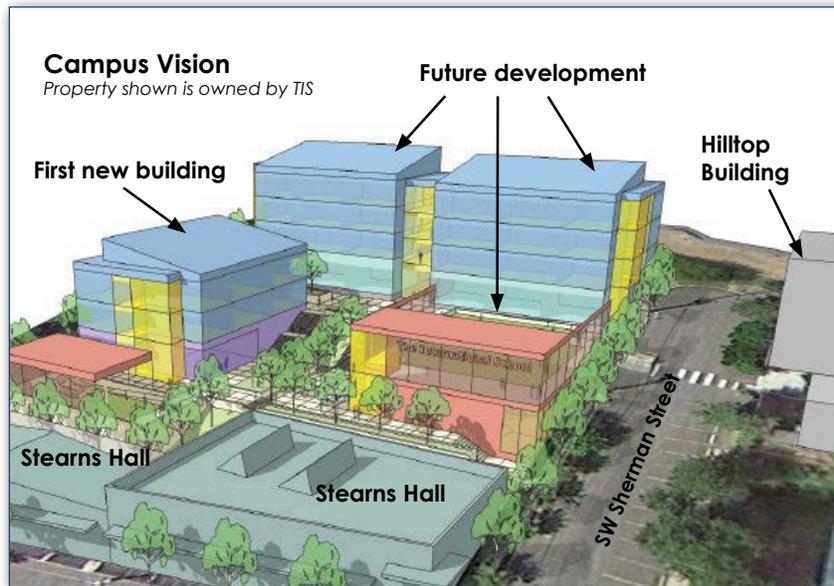
According to early estimates, construction of the first building will cost just over \$5 million. Thanks to years of careful financial management, TIS will be able to finance part of the project, with the majority of funds coming from philanthropic gifts. The Board has established a Capital Campaign Committee, led by TIS parents Tom Sperry and Bobby Barnett, that is exploring funding opportunities. The timing of construction and occupancy will depend on fundraising; groundbreaking will occur when 75 percent of the final

fundraising goal has been met.

Moving forward after the first building, TIS will implement the Campus Master Plan in phases. "This allows for more thoughtful school growth and serves as a roadmap for the future," Lynda says.

Through the realization of the Campus Master Plan, the school will finally have facilities that support its multilingual, inquiry-based, International Baccalaureate program.

For more information and illustrations, please visit intlschool.org/campus. Questions? Contact Board President Matt Schweitzer at board@intlschool.org.



Why the South Waterfront?

After a long and methodical process of examining more than 80 sites in the Portland area, TIS decided the current location is the best possible for realizing the school's long-term vision of being:

- Centrally located
- Easily accessible to transport (I-5, streetcar, bus lines, upcoming lightrail)
- Close to cultural and educational resources
- A relatively self-contained campus
- Limited non-school traffic
- In an affordable, downtown location

A Step-By-Step Look at the Campus Master Plan Process

Our Vision (as outlined in the Strategic Plan)
The International School's facilities are clean, green, safe and welcoming in a centrally located urban environment.

