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RFWalsh Collaborative Partners breaks ground on 85,000 s/f Howe-Manning Elementary School

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RFWalsh Collaborative Partners recently marked the groundbreaking of the new Howe-Manning Elementary School in Middleton. RFWalsh Collaborative Ptrs. serves as the project manager for the design and construction of the project, which will house more than 550 students and feature classrooms, a computer lab, gymnasium, library, kitchen, cafeteria and art and music spaces.

The RFWalsh Collaborative Ptrs. team is one of the key consultants on the project. Last May, Middleton voters approved a \$31.4 million budget for the 85,000 s/f facility. As project manager, RFWalsh Collaborative Partners' scope of work includes designer selection, design reviews, value engineering, schedule and budget development, cash flow reporting, project accounting, contractor prequalification, ongoing work and construction planning with the Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA), and bid process management.

"RFWalsh Collaborative Partners is pleased to help deliver the people of Middleton a top-notch school at an incredible value," said Jack Hobbs, CEO of RFWalsh Collaborative Ptrs. "I am proud of the pre-development strategic planning that our team has provided, and we look forward to seeing the project through to its completion. This new facility will help enhance the learning process for hundreds of local school children."

RFWalsh Collaborative Ptrs. is an expert in the k-12 sector and has decades of experience in school building and renovation projects across the Greater Boston area. Clients have included Boston Latin Academy, Boston College High School, Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School in Worcester, and the communities of Revere, Everett, Medford, Winchester, Dracut and Natick.

The RFWalsh Collaborative Ptrs. team on the Howe-Manning Elementary School includes David Billings, AIA, senior project manager, Kerry Logue, assistant project manager, and Fred Scibelli, construction site manager. DiNisco Design Partnership is the architect. Also participating in the groundbreaking ceremony were state treasurer Tim Cahill, who serves as chairman of MSBA, and Katherine Craven, executive director of the MSBA. The MSBA is funding 51 percent of the project.

Ira Singer, Middleton town administrator, said, "David and the rest of the RFWalsh Collaborative Partners team has been a reliable resource throughout this process. They have taken the time to fully understand the needs of our town and are truly committed to helping us build the best possible school for the children of Middleton. I can't say enough about their good work. All of us in Middleton are looking forward to opening the doors of a state-of-the-art school that will serve the town for generations to come."

RFWalsh Collaborative Ptrs. is a leading project management firm that helps clients across industries realize their building vision and goals. RFWalsh Collaborative Ptrs. understands that effective project management requires a real partner. That's why the firm works collaboratively with clients, providing strategic insight and planning from a project's inception through every stage of the

design and building process. Headquartered in Boston, RFWalsh Collaborative Ptrs. has more than 30 years of experience guiding healthcare, life sciences, academic, commercial and residential projects to successful completion. A customized team is assembled for every project that matches each client's needs with the individual expertise and strengths of company staff to deliver smart, innovative solutions and valuable guidance. RFWalsh Collaborative Ptrs. is currently providing project management services for more than 25 clients throughout New England, totaling over \$1.5 billion in capital development.

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