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## **CTA Const. breaks ground on Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter School**

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Franklin, MA Elected officials and CTA Construction staff were joined by leadership of the Benjamin Franklin Education Foundation in Franklin recently to break ground at the construction site of a new 70,000 s/f charter school. The new school, which will allow the expansion of the Foundation's capacity from 450 to 900 students, has been a longstanding goal of the organization and will help it achieve its mission of providing students with a classical academic education. Budgeted at \$20.3 million, the school is expected to be completed in time for students to attend classes for the fall 2019 semester.

"The new Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School has been in planning for nearly six years," said Paul DuRoss, principal at CTA Construction. "We know how much it means to both the students and faculty to finally see this project come to life, and we are excited to deliver to them a school that will live up to their highest aspirations."

The new school will serve as a facility for BFCCPS students and staff, who are currently occupying a building that was formally a Catholic school in Franklin. Just two miles away from the current site, it still aims to be a resource for families in the Franklin and surrounding area that have come to value BFCCPS' reputation as one of the oldest and best-performing charter school systems in Massachusetts. Construction of the new school is a joint effort between owner BFCCPS, owner's project manager Daedelus Projects, Inc, project architect Arrowstreet Architecture and Design, and construction manager CTA Construction.

Work on the school began a few months ago and is expected to continue into the spring of 2019.

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