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## **Erland Construction and TBA Architects partner with Lighthouse School on new 23,000 s/f building - the Breakwater House**

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Chelmsford, MA Lighthouse School has selected Erland Construction, Inc. and TBA Architects to construct a new 23,000 s/f school building, designated the Breakwater House, on their growing campus. Lighthouse is a 56-year-old not-for-profit institution providing bioeducational, vocational, and therapeutic services and treatment in a nurturing environment for special needs students in which to thrive.

“The new building will allow us to make the needed improvements in facilities, curriculum, and programs to keep Lighthouse School on the cutting edge of special education,” said Dr. Scott Bartis, CEO of Lighthouse School. “We are thrilled to continue to meet the needs of our current and future students and excited to partner with Erland Construction as together we build the foundation of our future.”

Breakwater House, which will be built next to the school’s existing 50,000 s/f facility on Wellman Ave., will accommodate curriculum and educational services currently being held in a leased space across town. The scope of work includes an indoor play space, library, art room, nurse and teaching offices, and much-needed additional classrooms to continue promoting total life development. Erland will also construct a parking lot in addition to the covered spaces the new building provides.

“This project underscores Lighthouse’s commitment to its students, and we’re excited to be a part of it,” said Ben McConchie, academic group manager, Erland. “We look forward to building relationships with the school’s faculty, staff, students, families, and board members and becoming part of their exceptional community.”

Breakwater House aims to bring all students and faculty together at a single location while allowing for future program expansion. As with any project, Erland is committed to safety and minimal disruption to the school’s ongoing education and treatment services for the duration of this work.

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