



Building Project

December 2016

Next Steps

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- Start of new window installation at Torstraße Wing and Main School Building
- Finish the preparatory work for the extension on the 4th floor Linienstraße
- Start of wooden-roof construct installation in Linienstraße Wing

January 2016

- Extension of all three stairways
- Construction of rooms in Linienstraße Wing is complete
- New Building on Linienstraße is complete

February 2016

- First building crane is dismantled
- "Richtfest" at BMS to celebrate the completion of the first milestones

Dear BMS Families,

Before the year comes to a close, we would like to use this opportunity to provide you with a brief update on the progress of our building project. Time is indeed flying by and with it our construction continues to make excellent progress.

As you may have seen already, the construction of the extension in the area of Torstraße and in the area of our main building is finished! Now, our new classrooms and the new library become visible. The new rooms already have the fresh smell of the wood material used and the shape, as well as the view from each of the new rooms, reflects a very metropolitan look and feel. As you can see, we all are very excited and happy that we can finally imagine how the new area will help us to develop our program further.

We highly recommend that you visit our website where we have published some of the latest photos from the current construction status. Here, you can gain a first impression of the classrooms, the library, and also the view from our future roof garden.

The next steps will be the beginning of the window installation in December as well as the extension of stairways during the course of January.

With the construction of our new building in Linienstraße, we are 10 days behind our original schedule due to logistical delays. We will do our very best to use the closing time before Christmas and after New Year to complete as much as possible and hopefully to compensate some of the time we have lost. Nevertheless, we are happy to report that the new building should be finished by the middle of January.

Currently, we are preparing for the construction of our new Assembly Hall on the roof of the Linienstraße wing. Before we go into the holiday break, the first wooden elements



should be visible already so that you can gain an idea of what the overall shape and structure will look like. We plan to finish the extension of our Linienstraße building by the end of January at the latest to ensure that we also can close this area of the building project as soon as possible.

As soon as the Linienstraße extension is complete, we will start to dismantle the first building crane and the heavy construction work will reduce from here as the main construction is finished! Of course this is a very important step that we also want to celebrate with you! We plan to have a “Richtfest” in February which we will also use as an opportunity to offer tours to our students, staff, and parents. In doing so, our community can gain a first-hand impression of our new learning spaces. We will keep you informed and ensure that a school-wide invite is sent in a timely manner.

While we are very busy to finish the main construction, we also use this timeframe to plan the details of electricity, lighting, room usage, and various other functional requirements. Within those discussions we are forced to think about how we want to use our building long-term, how we want to work effectively with 180 employees in the future, as well as how we want to create inspiring classrooms which support our academic program. These are very interesting discussions and indeed offer a great opportunity for our school. We are looking at these concepts within the perspective of a three-year timeframe because the completion of our current building project is the beginning of a school-wide transformation process.

Overall, we are very satisfied with the progress of our building project, the quality of work, and the commitment of the companies we have contracted so far.

We want to use this opportunity to explicitly thank you as parents for your support over the past months and your patience with the inconveniences this project has caused. Please trust that we are fully aware that it has not been easy to navigate through this first phase of heavy construction and that we appreciate your support especially over the past month. We also would like to thank our entire staff who work very hard to manage the daily operations in such a manner that the quality of our program is not affected and that the welfare of our students is always at the forefront.

We hope to be able to report to you during January 2017 that the first major milestones in our building project have been achieved. Until then we wish you a wonderful and relaxing time with your family and a positive start to the New Year.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Silke Friedrich'.

Silke Friedrich
Executive Director