



FREIRE
CHARTER WILMINGTON

WHEN YOU REACH THE CEILING, **RAISE IT.**

**A CAMPAIGN FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW
ATHLETIC FACILITY**

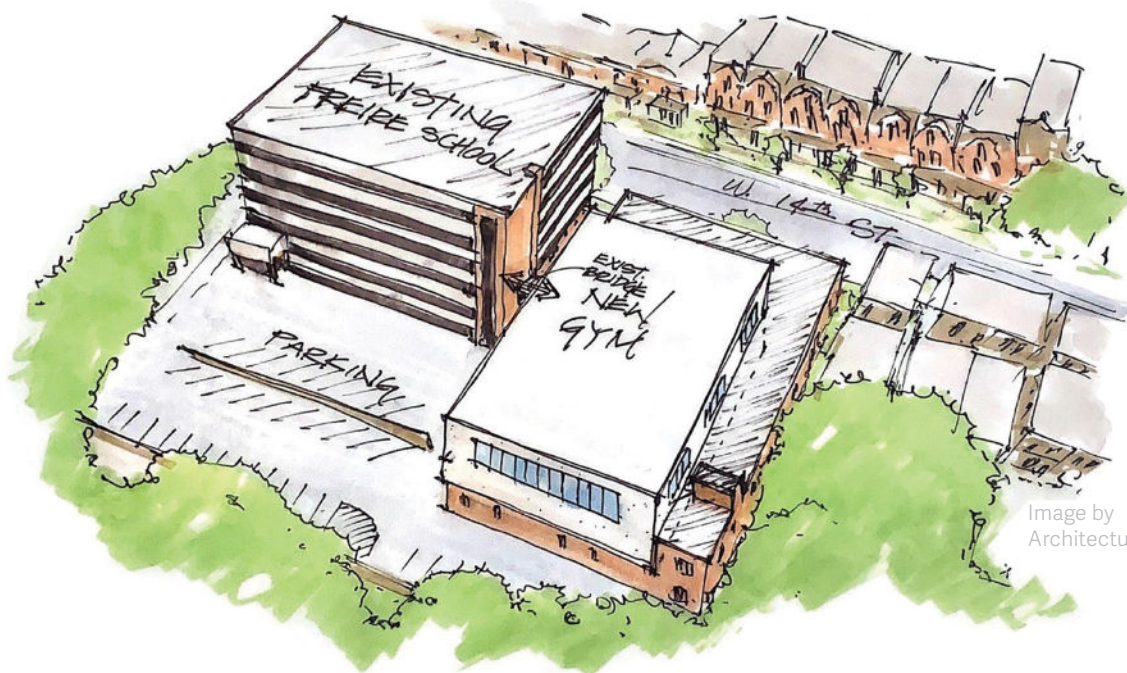


2022-2023

A HOME COURT WORTHY OF OUR KIDS

Since its founding in 2015, Freire Wilmington has provided a rigorous college preparatory learning environment that cultivates students' individuality and personal interests, preparing them for a bright future ahead. Currently, our school has one multipurpose space — largely used as a cafeteria.

As we enter our 8th year, Freire Wilmington has a unique opportunity to expand our campus to include a new athletic facility that will improve student engagement and school culture. While no changes are currently planned for our existing building, we envision a major renovation to our newly acquired adjacent building at 205 West 14th Street — raising the roof 14 feet higher to create our school's first-ever regulation athletic facility.



PROPOSED TIMELINE

2022-2023 School Year

Secure philanthropic support

October 2022

Engage general contractor

January 2023

Complete design, commence bidding

PROJECT DETAILS

COST:

Approximately \$5.5 Million. The cost estimate is based on analysis from two general contracting firms, with us using the higher for planning purposes.

FUNDING GOAL:

\$2.5 Million. We hope the Delaware philanthropic community will join with us to make this project a reality for our deserving students.

BENEFICIARIES:

In addition to benefiting our approximately 500 students annually, 75 student athletes on our volleyball and basketball teams will no longer need to travel to a practice gym. This means more time practicing and less time traveling – finally giving our Freire Dragons the home court advantage. Additionally, this new space has the potential to be a community asset, allowing Freire Wilmington more opportunity to partner with our neighbors.



"I ALWAYS WANTED A HOME COURT, WANTED TO FEEL HOME. MORE PEOPLE WILL COME TO THE GAMES AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO PRACTICE RIGHT HERE, NOT TRAVEL A DISTANCE. A HOME COURT IS A DIFFERENT VIBE — A DIFFERENT VIBRATION."

VICTOR MCLEOD

10th Grade Student, Freire Wilmington

THE IMPACT OF A GYM

COLLEGE PREP

Freire Wilmington's goal is "Graduation x2": success in and graduation from not just high school, but college as well. Interscholastic sports are crucial to this goal.

Studies show that student athletes are more likely to graduate from high school and significantly more likely to attend a postsecondary institution. (University of Chicago, 2021)

ENROLLMENT

Our leadership has heard repeatedly that the lack of an athletic facility is a deterrent for students, affecting both admissions and retention.

An athletic facility would not only support our academic mission, but boost enrollment outcomes — meaning that we can invest less time recruiting students and more time supporting them to success.

EQUITY

89% of Freire Wilmington students identify as BIPOC, and we serve the third highest percentage of low-income students of any high school in the state.

As one of the only area high schools without a gym, our historically underserved population has been receiving the wrong message about their value for too long. This gym will begin to level the field.

February 2023

Secure renovation loan

March 2023

Commence construction

August 2023

New school year begins

November 2023

Construction completed for basketball season!

"WE ARE BUILDING MORE THAN A GYM. WE ARE BUILDING A SAFE HAVEN WITH A SENSE OF COMMUNITY. WE ARE EXPOSING OUR YOUTH TO OPPORTUNITIES THAT BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND COMRADESHIP THROUGH SPORTS. WE ARE CREATING POSITIVE OUTLETS FOR KIDS THAT WILL LEAD TO POSITIVE OUTCOMES COMMUNITY-WIDE."

KHYLE NELSON

Director of Discipline & Athletic Director, Freire Wilmington



ABOUT FREIRE WILMINGTON: Founded in 2015, Freire Wilmington is a college-prep, open-admission public high school that facilitates intellectual risk-taking and personal growth in an environment emphasizing community, teamwork, equity, and a commitment to peace.



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Freire Wilmington teaches our students every day that their potential is limitless — envisioning futures that stretch beyond the ceilings they encounter. This new athletic facility will literally "raise the roof" for our students. Please join us and allow our kids to see their community members cheering them on from the sidelines.

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