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### Voyager Academy Breaks Ground on New Performing Arts Center

DURHAM, NC, May 21, 2024 - Voyager Academy is thrilled to announce the school officially broke ground on their much anticipated Performing Arts Center on Monday, May 20, 2024.

“This is a very exciting moment for Viking staff, families, and the Durham community. As we break ground today, we are not just starting the construction of a building - we are laying the groundwork for creation, connection, and celebration,” said Managing Director, Ellie Schollmeyer.



The 20,000 sq ft structure will be built on the last remaining land on campus and will house classrooms, meeting space, and a 400+ seat auditorium. “This will be a space where the Voyager community can come together to experience the magic of live performance; to be moved by the beauty of music, dance, and theatre created by our students and staff. The Performing Arts Center will also be a collaborative space for all students and a gathering place where experiences are shared, memories are made, and friendships grow,” Schollmeyer stated.

Voyager Academy will be funding the entire construction of the building with reserves saved over the years. However, the school launched a **SHARE THE LOVE** fundraising campaign on February 14, 2024 to furnish the interior of the auditorium and classrooms with state of the art equipment, lights, and sound systems. The Wilkinson Charitable Foundation and Clean Green Environmental will be matching all donations up to \$50,000 to help reach their \$100,000 goal.



Voyager Academy is a fully accredited K-12 public charter school - located in Durham, NC - where students participate in authentic project based learning experiences providing a small school feel on a large campus. Fostering a spirit of safety, inclusion, and belonging - students participate in an academically challenging and supportive learning environment. Staff utilizes experiential and traditional learning strategies so that students become responsible, engaged, innovative members of society.

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Learn more at this [SHARE THE LOVE Donation Page](#) and check out [This Highlight Video](#) featuring students and staff talking about the campaign and its big impact on Voyager Academy.