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## International School starts new building construction

Portland's International School has started construction on a new building to meet growing demand for Chinese, Japanese, and Spanish language and cultural education. The building will occupy a 15,000-square-foot site at the corner of S.W. Sherman Street and Water Avenue, adjacent to the school's main campus.

The new single-floor structure will measure 10,000 square feet and contain nine classrooms, a music room, and an art studio. It will supplement the 21 classrooms currently on Sherman Street, reunifying the school on one campus. The

three classrooms presently at 1133 S.W. Market Street will be closed.

"We chose to expand at the North Macadam site because of the area's renewal and its central location for families around Portland," said Kim Marcus, President of the Board of Trustees.

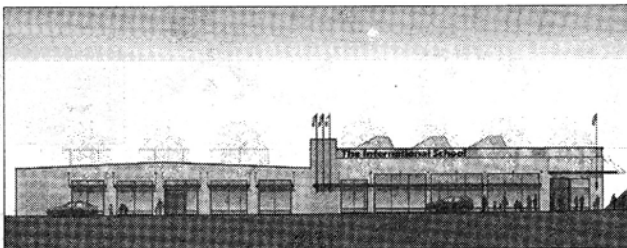
The site was largely donated by school founders Douglas and Frances Stearns. Construction is funded in part by grants from the Meyer Memorial Trust, the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation, the Henry Lea Hillman Jr. Foundation, donations from 100 percent of

school families and staff, and contributions from other community members.

"We need the new building quickly to accommodate current students and to accept students from our waiting list," said Bruce Bayliss, Head of School. "The new facility will enable us to grow from today's 320 to 420 students with a maximum of 19 students per class."

Designed by Henneberry Eddy Architects with URS Corporation as building engineers, the new building incorporates sustainable features to lower ongoing maintenance and operation expenses.

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**NEW BUILDING.** Portland's International School has started construction on a new building to meet growing demand for Chinese, Japanese, and Spanish language and cultural education. Pictured above is an architects' drawing of the new school. (Image courtesy of the International School)

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Founded in 1990, the International School provides a multicultural environment in which children are fully

immersed in Chinese, Spanish, or Japanese from preschool through fifth grade.

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