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Hun Middle School to Undergo \$5.5 Million Renovation and Expansion

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PRINCETON, N.J., May 16, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- On June 1, 2016, The Hun School of Princeton will begin renovation of the Alexander K. Buck '49 Building. The \$5.5 million dollar renovation and expansion will nearly double the square footage allocated to Middle School classrooms and activities. The project, designed by leading educational architects Clarke Caton Hintz and managed by local contractors **Scozzari Builders**, will create a state-of-the-art learning environment befitting the innovative and personalized experience of The Hun Middle School. The year-long initiative will expand and modernize Middle School classrooms, labs, and gathering spaces, while adding contemporary aesthetics and substantial light. **Scozzari Builders** was recently awarded the project.

"Middle Schoolers react to their learning environment in very unique ways," said Middle School Head Ken Weinstein. "They crave learning and community spaces – places to come together, socialize, and collaborate. And every one of them also needs to feel like there's a place on this campus that's just for them. The Buck Building renovation will accomplish this and provide state-of-the-art teaching spaces for our faculty as well."

A thriving Middle School enrollment, along with a desire to provide facilities that enhance teaching and learning, led the School's Board of Trustees to designate the Buck Building as a top campus priority. Built in 1974, the Buck Building's initial incarnation placed The Hun Middle School on the lower floor and in the basement annex, with a student activity center, snack bar, and balcony located on the first floor. In 2015, the Breen Family Campus Center and PA Café opened inside the Wilf Family Global Commons, creating an opportunity to



expand the space allocated to Middle School activities. Once the renovation is complete, the Middle School community will inhabit all three floors – increasing its dedicated space from 11,000 to 19,000 square feet.

The Building's exterior will receive a new façade, walkways, and open-air features like a retractable wall. While inside, space will be arranged to accommodate 12 classrooms, each 80 – 100% larger than the existing rooms. New features will include 2 state-of-the-art STEM labs, a robotics construction zone, video and media studio, and a visual art studio. Community spaces will include a large gathering space for assemblies, performing arts, dance, and martial arts, as well as a learning center and a smaller student common space.

Construction will take place in phases designed to maintain the integrity of teaching and learning during the academic year. The project is scheduled to be complete in the Fall of 2017.

The Hun Middle School is home to approximately 100 students in grades 6 – 8. The program is well known for a vigorous, hands-on curriculum, delivered in a highly active learning environment.

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Seventy-eight percent of the twenty-person Middle School faculty hold advanced degrees.

For more information about the project, please visit <http://capitalgiving.hunschool.org/Page/Alexander-K-Buck-49-Building-Renovation>

About The Hun School of Princeton:

The Hun School of Princeton is a co-educational, private day and boarding school in Princeton, New Jersey. Individual attention and strong student-faculty relationships are the hallmarks of the School. On the 45-acre campus between Philadelphia and New York City, student-centered, hands-on learning prepares students for the global community in which they will live and work. The Hun School is comprised of 640 students in its Middle School, Upper School, and Postgraduate Program. The Hun School is home to students from twenty-nine countries and sixteen states. The Hun School is located at 176 Edgerstoune Road, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, www.hunschool.org