



the **Expansion**

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

LIVING
WISDOM
S C H O O L



We envision a world where education inspires life-long learning and helps children grow into their fullest potential.

OUR SCHOOL

The Portland Living Wisdom School was founded in 1997 to provide a unique approach to education. We follow the philosophy of Education for Life (EFL), a life-affirming, holistic model that provides a balanced curriculum designed to bring out the best in each child. We currently serve approximately fifty students from preschool through grade eight and have a core staff of ten. Living Wisdom offers an experiential education that fosters compassion, creativity, and solution-oriented consciousness. Service learning, nature awareness, meditation and yoga are integrated into the school days. Mindfulness is brought into every aspect of our school culture.

GROWTH

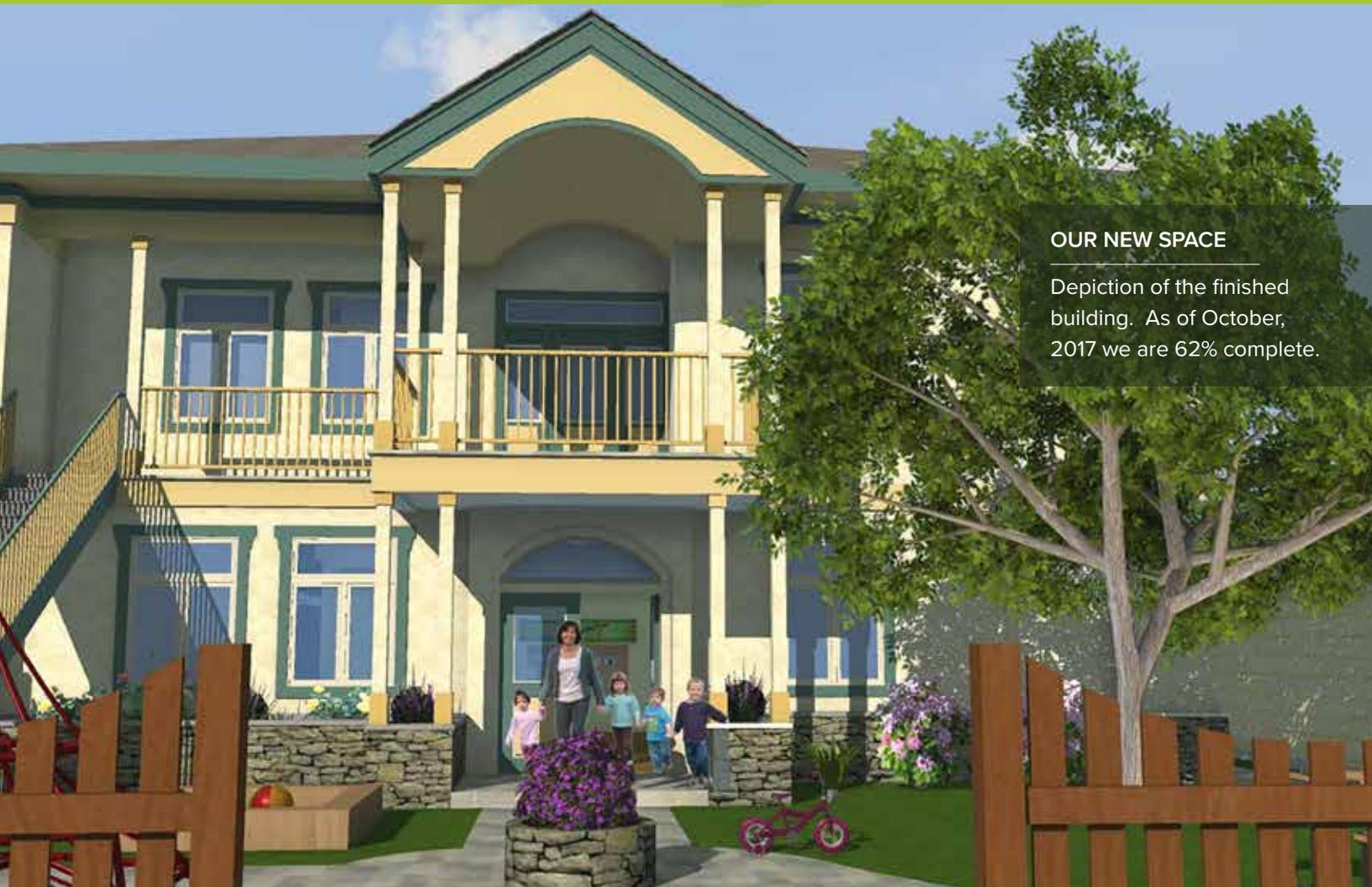
Our learning community has grown significantly in 20 years. In addition to providing a school, we also act as a source of inspiration and training for educators and parents. We attract internationally recognized teachers and act as a lab school for interns in the EFL program. There is an urgent need for facilities that support the many aspects of our school mission.



EXPANSION

The first step of the LWS Expansion Project, the construction of a new school building, was launched in March of 2014. The completed 4000 sq. foot facility will have five spacious classrooms that will accommodate increased student enrollment and provide space for more comprehensive teacher and parent training, along with community outreach. The state-of-the-art facility integrates sustainability with practical, uplifting design and will allow for a library, tutoring, afterschool yoga classes, improved administrative offices and cooking classes in a large teaching kitchen. The playground and garden area will also double in size.

The building project is more than just a bigger physical space — it's building the kind of world we want to live in.



OUR NEW SPACE

Depiction of the finished building. As of October, 2017 we are 62% complete.

PROGRESS

March 2014

LWS Advisory Board Approves Project



March 2015

Demolition of existing structure



Fall 2015

Framing and roofing completed



Summer 2017

Stonework and exterior work started, due to be completed by Dec. 2017



Nov 2014

Semble Community Investment Initiative started. Over \$400K raised in the 1st month of the initiative.



Summer 2015

Site work completed and foundation poured

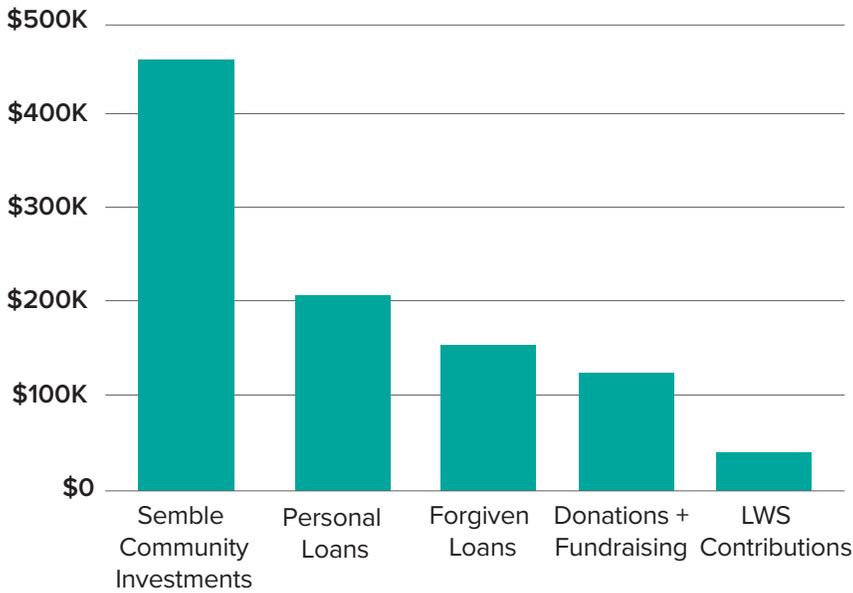


Fall 2016

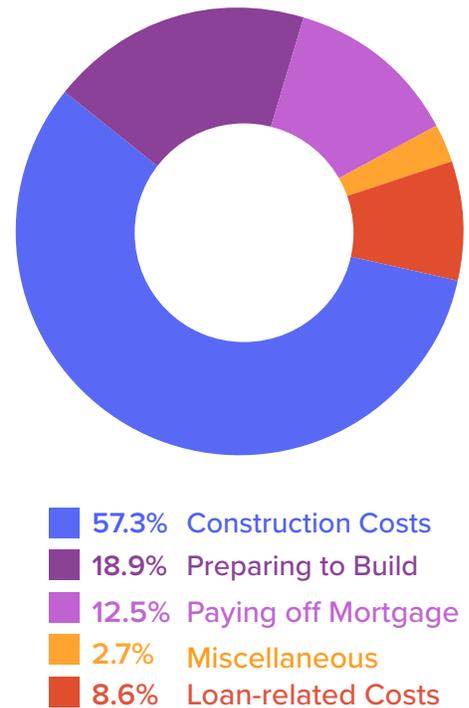
Siding and building winterized



INCOME AND EXPENSES



PROJECT **INCOME** SOURCES THROUGH OCT 2017



EXPENSES THROUGH OCT 2017

YOUR INVESTMENT

Invest in support of your values! Living Wisdom School is looking for investments to complete the new school building. It will take approximately \$600,000 to complete construction and move into the classrooms. Once operating in the expanded space, we have a repayment strategy supported by increased enrollment and other income streams made possible by the larger facility.

We are happy to work with you to write an investment that reflects the needs of your portfolio. The term of your loan and return can be tailored to benefit both you and the school. Ananda Church of Self-Realization of Portland, Inc. stands behind Living Wisdom School, and has been serving the greater Portland area since 1988.

Your loan could be instrumental in taking the next step—Completing the civil work: pathways, lighting and grounds; Installing the heating and cooling system: making our classrooms cozy all year round; Building out the classrooms or teaching kitchen. As each contribution comes in, we see forward movement toward opening the doors of this expanded campus. This is an exciting time because you will see the changes as you invest.

If this opportunity fits with your goals and resources, matches your values, or if you want more information, contact Rose Neal at:

**rose@livingwisdomportland.org, 503-671- 9112.
We look forward to working with you.**



EXTERIOR

Civil engineering \$89,000
Exterior stairway \$18,200
Waterproofing deck \$4,000
Painting \$10,000
Gutters \$1500
Landscaping and Walkways \$15,000
Playground \$10,000

EXTERIOR: \$143,700 TO COMPLETE



INTERIOR

Plumbing, wiring, HVAC \$230,000
Sprinkler system \$45,000
Cabinets \$28,000
Interior doors \$15,000
Paint \$10,000
Sheetrock/acoustics \$45,000
Insulation \$6,700
Flooring \$50,000
Furnishings \$20,000

INTERIOR: \$449,700 TO COMPLETE

OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

The future of our world depends on new ways of looking at the problems we collectively face. Living Wisdom School is passionate about supporting the next generation in learning to be solution-oriented and think creatively. At our school, the academic needs and aspirations of each student are recognized and addressed, in addition to the development of life skills such as practicing peace, getting along with others, nurturing even-mindedness, and cultivating courage.

We help children expand beyond themselves to include others and in this greater awareness, find joy in learning and growth. The success of our student-centered system is evident in the graduates of the program, who are balanced, altruistic, and clear in the knowledge of who they are and how they can serve in the world.

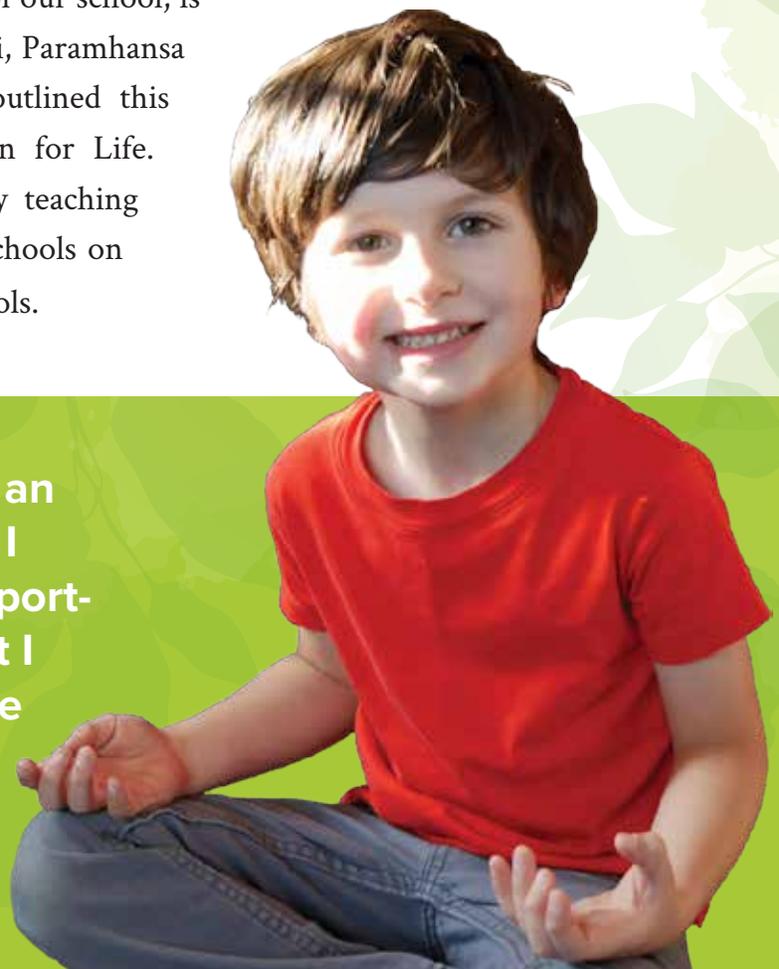
EDUCATION FOR LIFE

Education for Life, the foundational philosophy of our school, is inspired by the teachings of the great Indian yogi, Paramhansa Yogananda. His student, J. Donald Walters, outlined this model in his ground-breaking book, Education for Life. Living Wisdom Schools have been successfully teaching students since 1972. There are currently four schools on the west coast and several international EFL schools.

We teach children how to work with themselves and others from where they are, as a starting point to anywhere.

“I learned that my imagination is an incredible tool for manifestation. I learned that kindness is more important than popularity. I learned that I can make the world a better place and that it is my duty and great opportunity.”

– LWS Graduate



HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

At Living Wisdom School, we realize the importance of starting from the “ground up” to make changes in our world. Guiding our children and their education is the best way to make a difference and shape our future. With dedicated teachers and administrators, who are role models, leaders and friends, we expand children’s academic knowledge as well as their wisdom, compassion and consciousness. And through the support of generous, forward-thinking people we can continue to build a better future.

Contact the Portland Living Wisdom School if you are interested in helping support this model of education with a loan or a donation. This is an opportunity to change the lives of children and families and influence the next generation.

**Thank you for
your support,
participation and
commitment to a
better future!**

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