



News from Concord Children's Center

CCC Moving to Two-Site Model as of 21-22 School Year

Happy New Year!

Concord Children's Center is welcoming the new year and the new decade with some exciting news.



In 2018, the CCC Board and the Long-Range Planning Committee put into action a long-range goal to move CCC from a three-site model to a two-site model, retaining our site in West Concord, leaving our Emerson and Ripley sites, and building a second site in East Concord to better serve all CCC families and staff. Our Emerson and Ripley sites have served us well; however, neither has adequate space for teachers to plan and practice their profession and to create learning environments that meet the needs of their students, and for Program Directors to meet with staff and conduct their work as site leaders. Furthermore, both Emerson Hospital and the Town of Concord (the landlords of, respectively, our Emerson and Ripley sites) have long-term plans for these sites and have informed us that our leases will not be renewed.

In light of these factors, for the past two years we have been looking for a property on the east side of town that could become CCC second's site. I am thrilled to let you know that we have signed a purchase and sale agreement for a wonderful property. [250 Old Bedford Road](#) is walking distance from our current Ripley location, abuts conservation land, and has a house that is in good shape. We will be doing a bit of renovation on the house, building an addition, and adding play space and a parking lot. Over the next several weeks, we will be applying for building permits from the town, and closing is scheduled for February 21. Work on the new site is anticipated to start in early 2020, and it is our expectation that the new site will be completed for the 2021-2022 school year.



With this new configuration, total enrollment across both sides will be the same as current total enrollment across CCC's existing three sites. Work will also be done at West Concord to expand our infant-toddler capacity. We will open the 2021-2022 school year with our renovated site in West Concord and our new site in East Concord.

I know that many of you have very happy memories of your family's time at Emerson or Ripley. While we will be sad to say good-bye to these sites, I hope that you share my excitement about this new location that will allow CCC to continue to serve Concord and its surrounding communities for years to come.

Pat Nelson
Executive Director

