



Archdiocese Elementary School (Conceptual Rendering)/ Rubeling & Associates

## **New Catholic Community School (Pre-K – 8) In Baltimore City**

### **FACT SHEET**

**Location:** Two vacant lots located at 732 W. Lexington Street and 763 Dr. Benjamin Quarles Place, across from the University of Maryland

**Status:** The acquisition is underway and a contract being prepared

**Timing:** Open in the fall of 2020

**Project Goal:** Build a new two-track Catholic school that will provide city students a 21st Century education with the room and the tools required to develop the skills, literacies and proficiencies needed to succeed in a global society

**Name:** The school will be named for Mother Mary Lange, a pioneer in educating children of color in Baltimore City (1828)

**Project Cost:** \$18.5 million

**Funds Raised:** over \$16 million

**Endowments:** The Archdiocese is also seeking to endow two \$2.5 million funds each for: a) operating expenses to ensure the integrity and maintenance of the building, and b) tuition grants and aid

#### **Purpose of the Project:**

- Allow two existing Community Schools (Ss. James & John, Holy Angels) with 400+ students, living in 40 zip codes, to consolidate into one facility
- Provide students in Baltimore City with access to a Catholic education, especially those living in an area of the city that has been without access for many years
- Invest in the redevelopment and revitalization of Baltimore City and function as another economic driver for its communities

#### **Partners:**

- Community, university, corporate and philanthropic organizations committed to ensuring that students receive a superior education and supportive services
- Southwest Partnership and their education and workforce development committees
- Catholic Charities

**Sources of Tuition Assistance:** We anticipate having available in the first year over \$1 million for tuition grants and aid from

- The Archdiocese's Partners In Excellence Scholarship Program and School Fund
- Private Scholarship Programs (GB Charities, Children's Scholarship Fund)
- The State of Maryland's BOOST program
- Endowments totaling \$6 million

**Design Builder Contractor:** Whiting-Turner Contracting will bid out the trade work and provide low-income city residents with opportunities for pre-apprenticeship training programs

**Building Design:** Total of 66,500 square feet on 3 levels with 2 classrooms each grade (elementary and middle, plus 2 each of PreK3, PreK4 and Kindergarten)

**Capacity:** Inaugural enrollment of approximately 400 students, growing to 520 over 3-5 years

**Facility Features:**

- Art and music rooms
- Middle school gym
- Full-service kitchen
- Library/Media Center
- STEM Lab with Makerspace and Robotics
- Chapel
- Green space and small soccer field
- Security systems

**Staffing:**

- 35 teachers, aids and administrators
- Full-time counselor plus medical/dental care, speech and language clinic
- Full-time instructors in reading and math
- Full-time specialists in physical education, music, art, technology and foreign languages

**Transportation:** Private buses will provide transport for students