



Dear Caribbean School Community:

Tomorrow night, **Saturday February 3rd**, we will have our **Cool Your School!** fundraising event, and the Board of Directors will have a special presentation regarding our plans for a comprehensive remodel of our physical facilities. Our existing Caribbean School campus was completed in 1970, and in almost 50 years we have been able to complete various projects that have enhanced our curricular and extracurricular offer, including the Lower School Expansion, the Sports Pavilion, High School Science Labs, Lower School Library, Lower School Covered Court and most recently, the Cafeteria, among others.

CARIBBEAN SCHOOL 2022, as we envision it, is a great undertaking that will require a tremendous effort, and will be worth the hard work. We have all talked and dreamed about what we would like our school to be, and after setting up a firm base for improvements in the academic and administrative areas, it is time to think big in terms of our physical settings. The Board of Directors is working on a Comprehensive Upgrade Project that hopes to include:

- *Conversion of Sports Pavilion into an air-conditioned Gym/Auditorium for sports, social and cultural activities, with Weight Room and Play Area*
- *Dynamic classroom furnishings*
- *Pre-School center*
- *Administration Building 2nd Level expansion that will house a new Library, Teacher's Lounge and Professional Development Center*
- *Conversion of existing Libraries into Student Center*
- *Accessibility improvements: ramp and ADA Bathrooms*
- *Sports Field remodel including a Tartan running track*
- *New Lower School playgrounds*
- *Infrastructure improvements: solar panels, 250kVA generator, 15,000 gallon water reserve tank and more parking*

And it all begins on Saturday! Fundraising for the Classroom Air Conditioning Project, which is set to start on May 2018!

If our Founders had the audacity to imagine **Caribbean School**, and create the place where such an important part of our collective lives is lived, what's to stop us from raising the bar and implementing a highly ambitious improvement project such as this? We can do it if we set our minds and direct our efforts. It may start at the Board of Directors, but it only flies if Parents, Students, Faculty, Alumni and Corporate Sponsors are willing to go the distance and throw in the extra mile.

The **Caribbean School Endowment Fund**, a key fundraising tool, was created in 2017 to protect and restrict for its intended use any donation given to the school. An endowment fund is a widely used legal entity among schools and universities in the U.S. because it not only guarantees that donated funds will be used for the purposes established in the Trust Deed, but it also protects those funds from any claims against the school.

It's good to know that any donation to the Endowment Fund is fully tax deductible both at the federal and P.R. tax level.

With a five million dollar price tag, **CARIBBEAN SCHOOL 2022** is definitely no small feat, but if the planning is in place, the fundraising kicks in, and our will is firm, **WE CAN DO THIS**. So come and join us for a couple of hours, and let's celebrate what we have, while we work for a better future for our kids and our community!

After all, that's what makes it all worth it!

