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FAYETTEVILLE, NC: THE CAPITOL ENCORE ACADEMY ANNOUNCES PROPERTY ACQUISITION, EXPANSION, AND OPEN-HOUSE.

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The Capitol Encore Academy, a K-8 public charter school with an arts integration approach to education located in downtown Fayetteville, purchased a building and adjoining vacant lot to expand their education portfolio from K-8 to K-12.

The school's trustees acquired the parcel located at 200 Mason Street for a non-disclosed amount. The building, originally built in 1968 and renovated in 2010 has three stories, 67 parking spaces, and 30,000 sq ft. The first two floors of the building will hold the regular academic classrooms, offices, cafeteria, and conference rooms. The third floor will host all of the arts classrooms as well as the TCEA High School theater space.

The additional building fosters growth both in enrollment and employment levels; the student capacity is increasing from 600 students to 730 in 2022 (K-10) with an expected enrollment of 1,000 scholars in the coming years once it reaches full capacity. Currently, the school employs 67 full-time employees and 9 part-time employees. The expansion hopes to add an additional 14 FTEs. This represents a 16% increase in employment and 36% increase in enrollment.

This is Capitol Encore Academy's second expansion in downtown Fayetteville. In 2019, the school acquired the Pittman Building located on the corner on Hay and Anderson Streets. This move allowed the school to grow from a K-5 educational facility to K-8. This current expansion and supporting construction costs are valued at \$7,500,000. The project is funded with educational bonds and represents the trustees' commitment to the students of Cumberland County with a vision towards generational arts education.

School officials are excited to share their success with the greater Fayetteville community and welcome the public to attend a ribbon cutting on July 28th at 5:00 PM at 200 Mason Street.

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The Capitol Encore Academy was started in 2014 and is a public charter school with a focus on arts integration. More information about the school can be found by visiting their website: <https://www.capitolencoreacademy.org/> . To connect with school officials about the expansion, contact School Director Gerard Falls, at gerard.falls@capitolencoreacademy.org

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