

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

MPH RISING

Initiative continues; multi-million dollar facilities prepare to open for 2017-18

The reshaping of the Manlius Pebble Hill School campus is officially underway. The school's new multi-million dollar Athletics and Visual Arts facilities are scheduled to open in time for the 2017-18 school year. These state-of-the-art facilities will enable MPH student-artists and student-athletes to flourish and develop their talents and passions in a variety of ways. The lead donor on the project is MPH board president John Mezzalingua, Class of 1985, owner and CEO of JMA Wireless, who has contributed \$7 million to the current construction. This project is, in turn, part of the larger MPH Rising initiative, which also includes enhancing the school's educational programs, strengthening financial aid and increasing faculty compensation.

Over the past five years, Mezzalingua has given more than \$11 million to support various campus improvements, support the school's annual fund and ensure adequate compensation for faculty members. His generosity and steadfast belief in the MPH educational mission has inspired scores of other parents, alumni, past parents

and friends to donate generously as well.

"I give to MPH as an expression of gratitude for my own experiences with the school. My father attended, as did I and four of my siblings. Now my own children are enrolled at MPH. Our experiences there prepared us well for college and career and kindled the kind of intellectual curiosity that allows us to succeed professionally and personally. In honor of that, we give back to the school that has given our family so much," said Mezzalingua.

The Manlius Pebble Hill mission is to inspire students to think critically, act responsibly and discover a passion for lifelong learning. MPH's one-of-a-kind combination of academics, culture and community shapes intelligent, conscientious, self-directed young scholars and citizens. One sees this "MPH Effect" in the way MPH students engage with each other and the wider world: they're always interested, respectful, and eager to dive into the most complex challenges. At MPH, it's cool to be smart—now and for life.



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