



The Siena School Announces Plans to Expand *Celebrates 10th Anniversary Year*

Silver Spring, Maryland, January 5th, 2016- The Siena School (“Siena”) is proud to be celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year and announced plans for expansion beginning this coming summer. Siena was founded in 2006 to meet the learning needs of bright, college-bound students with language-based learning differences, such as dyslexia. Siena has quickly grown to serve over 100 students in grades 4-12. "Interest continues to be strong as parents desire an educational environment where their children thrive academically, are empowered, and embrace their challenges," said Bekah Atkinson, Siena's admissions director. "We continue to build our reputation as a leading school in the D.C. metro area for bright students with language-based needs."

In 2012, Siena purchased the former Boys and Girls Club building on Forest Glen Road, in Silver Spring, and plans to expand to add 16,000 square feet to meet the growing demand for engaging multi-sensory individualized instruction. Siena plans to break ground on a new wing in June, 2016. When fully completed, the three-story addition will allow enrollment to grow to 170 students. Key to the expansion is providing facilities to nurture students' areas of strength in the sciences and creative arts. The addition will house wet and dry science labs, a black box theater, a music classroom, an expanded art studio, locker rooms, and multiple classrooms.

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Erik Heyer, founder of the school, noted "Seeing how challenging it can be for new businesses to become established, I am tremendously proud of the Siena team in all it has accomplished these past ten years. They have made Siena a national model for how to teach students with language-based learning differences. The world of education is beginning to recognize that Siena's strategies are highly effective instructional techniques for all students."

Siena provides specialized instruction in student areas of strength as well as academic challenge, and offers a small student-teacher ratio, a mission-driven educational philosophy and financial assistance through the school's scholarship fund, .

About The Siena School

The Siena School in Silver Spring, Maryland serves bright, college-bound students with language-based learning differences, such as dyslexia. Siena's staff and board of advisors include distinguished national, state and local education leaders and professionals. The school was established in 2006 and serves students in grades 4 – 12. Siena's program is designed for students with mild to moderate learning needs who are experiencing a discrepancy between their academic achievement and intellectual abilities in one or more areas such as reading, writing, oral expression or math. Siena delivers an individualized educational program featuring small class sizes, research-based instructional methodologies, a highly trained staff and an educational environment specifically designed to meet the unique needs of our students, with a specific emphasis on the arts. For further information, The Siena School can be contacted at (301) 244-3600 or on the web at www.thesienaschool.org.