

POTTSTOWN CITIZENS FOR Enlightened LEADERSHIP

Hill aims to raise \$175 million

In November 1998, The Hill School launched a major capital campaign to celebrate its 150th anniversary, seeking to raise \$70 million over five years to boost scholarships, increase faculty compensation, and improve its facilities.



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The campaign exceeded its goal, reaching \$85 million by June 30, 2003. As part of the campaign, the school donated \$75,000 to help Pottstown hire its first economic development di-

rector.

With the arrival of a new headmaster, Zachary Lehman, in 2012, the school began planning even more ambitious fundraising efforts.

First, the school raised \$5.7 million to expand its campus eastward in 2013, closing off Green Street and adding eight new faculty homes, followed by three more homes in 2014.

The school also transformed its largely undeveloped "far fields" between Beech and Jackson streets, with new artificial turf fields, a new track, and a new soccer pitch at a cost of \$5.52 million.

In July 2014, the Hill launched a campaign to raise another \$175 million over a five-year period for capital projects, increased student aid, better faculty compensation, and day-to-day expenses.

The campaign includes a \$5 million fund to generate about \$250,000 annually for improvements to the neighborhood immediately adjacent to The Hill School.

Fundraising is a major operation at The Hill School. The development office employs 21 people who interact with the school's 9,700 alumni, and parents and friends, all of whom are potential donors to the school.

Tom Hylton is a member of the Pottstown School Board. However, the views expressed are his alone and not the board's.



Hill School website

A key goal of the fundraising campaign is construction of a three-story, \$21 million Quadrivium Center, which will be attached to the existing school library. The Center will focus on interdisciplinary studies.

Hill School "Strength of All" campaign goal (Fundraising July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019)	
Teaching and faculty compensation	\$30,000,000
Student aid	\$50,000,000
Capital projects	
Quadrivium Center	\$21,000,000
Dining Hall renovation	\$10,000,000
Widener Arts Building renovation	\$4,800,000
Widener Science Building renovation	\$5,500,000
Other capital projects	\$18,700,000
The Hill Fund	\$30,000,000
Neighborhood initiatives (Hobart's Run)	\$5,000,000
TOTAL	\$175,000,000

Figures based on Montgomery County Higher Education and Health Authority 2015 bond statement.