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## The Legacy School Expands, Opens New Build To Better Educate Kids With Learning Differences

In this season of school graduations, other news emerges on the education front.

Sykesville-based The Legacy School opens a newly constructed, 3,000-square-foot building to expand its existing school, which has been educating students with learning differences, such as dyslexia, since 2011. A grand opening ceremony -- with ribbon cutting for a new building -- takes place on May 28, 2014, between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., with main events beginning at noon.

"This school is truly unique -- and its expansion offers hope and help to families, across the greater Baltimore area, whose children do not learn well in existing academic settings," says Aileen Eskildsen, Legacy School board member and parent to 10-year-old Ryan, who attends Legacy. "Its expansion mirrors the pressing need in the community for this type of school."

Although situated in Sykesville, Md., The Legacy School continues to attract students from Baltimore, Howard and other surrounding counties. Why? The answer: one-on-one instruction.

"To my knowledge, Legacy is the only independent school in the Baltimore area that offers daily, one-on-one language tutoring for every admitted student. It's a completely individualized education," says Founder/ Head of School Jamie Caplan, J.D., who previously worked as a special education advocate, serving families with children struggling in the public education system. "At Legacy, we meet each child where they are academically... teach them according to their learning style and ensure that each child receives the support they need to succeed." Now more children can benefit.

"The new building doubles the size of the current school and allows for Legacy to admit more students, have a dedicated music room, and more fully utilize its 3.96-acre campus," adds Caplan.

One student attending Legacy shares what the school means to her. "Before I felt really bad about myself because I couldn't read -- even though inside I felt smart. I thought something was wrong with me. Now I've just finished my third year at Legacy and I enjoy reading. I have confidence in my abilities," says Eldersburg-resident Annie Nastos, 14, who graduates in June from Legacy.

At its grand opening celebration, all Legacy students, ages 6-14, join Nastos to celebrate their school's expansion. They perform music gleaned from the school's enriching arts curriculum. Legacy School Founder Caplan speaks on trends in education -- and Legacy's naissance to fill the gaps. Business leaders, parents, politicians, perspective students, and educators are expected to attend the ceremony.

The Legacy School ([www.legacyschoolmd.org](http://www.legacyschoolmd.org)) educates and serves children with dyslexia and related language-based learning disabilities. Legacy is a non-profit, co-educational, Maryland-state approved, private school recognized as one of the top schools for children with dyslexia. Legacy School admits students who are performing below grade-level, remediates them, and helps them to return to a more traditional school environment. Founded in April 2011, Legacy School serves students in grades 1-8. For more information contact Liz Malis at 410-207-5767 or Jamie Caplan at 443-799-3280 and 410-549-1717 or [jcaplan@legacyschoolmd.org](mailto:jcaplan@legacyschoolmd.org).