Summary
An important part of Dare: The Campaign for Milton is ensuring that our facilities support our people, fostering the most meaningful interactions among students and faculty. Careful review of programmatic needs identified in our strategic plan made it plain that our academic spaces need to do more: offer space for independent and group learning, create opportunities for collaboration, and strengthen ties between our boarding and day communities.

Our plans are designed with an understanding of how students and teachers learn, live, work and play—as individuals, as a class, a club, an academic department or division. The centerpiece of the project is a new library located next to an expanded Schwarz Student Center, adding greater usability to the Upper School’s main common space. These renovations will create an even more collaborative space where students and teachers flow easily from study to socialization, from day to weekend. Later-stage renovations include a new, centralized home for math and computer programming, additional assembly space and improvements to Ware Hall.

Building-by-building highlights

FACULTY HOUSING
New faculty homes on Green Hollow Lane near Goodwin and Hathaway Houses will support the residential life program and further strengthen ties to the main campus. Each 2,000-square-foot home will contain a study large enough to host advisory meetings.

Renovations at a glance

BEGINNING IN:

2018
Turf field at Voses
Faculty housing renovations and construction
Art and Media Center improvements

2019
Schwarz Student Center expansion

2020-22
Library moves to Wigglesworth Hall

2023-25
Math and Computer Programming to a new home
Ware Hall improvements
Through Dare, we can begin the important work of transforming our campus to match the caliber of our people and our programs. Our next decade plan responds to the needs of modern teaching and learning and anticipates our future. To learn more about supporting Milton, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

STUDENT CENTER EXPANSION
An expansion of 5,300 square feet, including a 3,500-square-foot addition between the existing Student Center and Warren Hall on three levels and an 1,800-square-foot terrace, will provide more space for group learning and socialization, as well as classroom and office space, all under one roof. The Student Center expansion is the linchpin in a series of renovations that will facilitate community-building and learning, while also preventing the need for trailers during the subsequent library renovation.

LIBRARY TRANSFORMATION
The modern library needs to serve the many parts of the learning process. Where and how students learn is changing as group work and collaboration receive greater emphasis, yet solitary study remains important. Moving the library to Wigglesworth Hall, adjacent to the expanded Schwarz Student Center, recognizes the importance of learning through living. Students grow through every interaction: articulating ideas, understanding another’s viewpoint, and building consensus—whether they’re working on a history project, preparing recommendations for a club, or debating the latest news headlines. This renovation will include dedicated areas for independent and small group study, space to house the library’s collection, new classrooms, and more.

The Academic Skills Center will move out of the basement of the current library and be adjacent to the new library’s entrance, providing greater accessibility for students.

MATH AND COMPUTER PROGRAMMING TO A NEW HOME
With the library relocated to Wigglesworth, the former library will become home to mathematics, computer programming and robotics, all centralized in one building.

WARE HALL
Home to our Middle School, modern languages department, and the math department, Ware will undergo essential safety and accessibility renovations in 2018, including an electrical upgrade, new fire alarm system, an elevator, and efficient classroom-by-classroom-based cooling and heating. In 2019, further improvements will enhance Middle School programming, including a refresh of Thacher Auditorium. Later-stage renovations include relocating math.

ART AND MEDIA CENTER
With the assembly space in Wigglesworth converted into new library space, Milton will need additional space for assemblies, performances and meetings. Our plan is to create multi-purpose space on the lower level of the AMC. Other improvements will include a new dark room, a film program computer lab, the creation of a Technology, Media and Design Center, and a more prominent Visiting Artist Gallery.

Considerations
Our plan reflects incredible care for our resources:

PHYSICAL
One of Milton’s greatest attributes is our proximity to Boston, 8 miles from campus. At the same time, that location comes with a limited campus footprint. Our position requires us to think creatively about any renovation—making the most of every space.

FINANCIAL
Milton is known for delivering an exceptional educational experience with a relatively modest endowment compared to peer schools. We plan, we prioritize, and we get the most from each dollar. We approached our facilities plan with the same mindset.

PEOPLE
A careful, staged approach to renovations will minimize disruption—no classrooms will be displaced to trailers and each year will bring improvements.