

## The New Athletic and Wellness Center Takes Shape at Portledge School

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Construction of a new, 20,000 square foot Athletic and Wellness Center at Portledge School and other improvements to the School's approximately 60-acre campus are underway. Firm attorneys Michael Sahn, Joseph Bjarnson, and Elisabetta Coschignano, were privileged to collaborate with Head of School Simon Owen-Williams, Board of Trustees President Mary-Ellen "Mel" Mooney, Board Vice-President Lindsey Barnett and other School representatives, and a talented development team of design and construction professionals to obtain approvals and permits from the Village of Matinecock Board of Zoning Appeals and other agencies for this terrific new addition to the campus. The AWC will contain a gymnasium, fitness center, locker room facilities, classrooms, and office space. Associated campus improvements include new parking facilities, an interior roadway system to more safely serve the School's needs, significant landscaping with berms, and repositioned athletic fields.

The AWC was designed to fulfill Portledge's educational mission to provide a fulfilling academic environment, preparing students to live responsible and productive lives. As Head of School Simon Owen-Williams often explained during the administrative hearings and meetings, students' talents are nurtured through the arts, athletics and community programs all which promote student development inside and outside the classroom.

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