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Work begins on Beacon Academy's new school in Crystal, Minnesota

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**Beacon Academy** has acquired the 12-acre site at 3420 Nevada Ave. N. in Crystal, Minn., to become the approximately 80,000-square-foot permanent home for the school.

Beacon Academy, a public charter school, will move its facilities from its current location in Maple Grove. Its new facility will offer the opportunity for enrollment growth and access to abundant green space on its new site.

The new facility and site will allow Beacon's mission to thrive—providing Twin Cities families with a proven, rigorous, and content-rich curriculum, integrated with sequential Spanish language instruction.

"We are committed to providing a results-driven community, built around a culture of positive character development and committed parental involvement," said Sean Koster, Principal of Beacon Academy. "This new facility will help us grow while maintaining a small learning community."

The **Cushman & Wakefield NorthMarq** team of Paul Donovan, Jaclyn May, Gerhardt Gliege, Luke Appert, and Jeremy Striffler worked with the school to identify the ideal site for the school's permanent home.

The team also guided the school through building the extended project team, accessing financing, handling the entitlement process with the City, coordinating the various requirements of the Minnesota Department Education, and will manage the renovation and addition construction process over the next year.

Minneapolis-based **RJM Construction** was selected as general contractor and Rivera Architects was selected as designer. Interior demolition began earlier this month, making way for improved circulation and finishes. The project also includes mechanical upgrades, site improvements and exterior building repairs.

School members, project partners and community members will gather at the new site of the school for a ceremonial groundbreaking on Sept. 7 at 3 p.m. The school will open for the fall 2017 term.

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