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## **BRITISH SCHOOL OF BOSTON GRAND OPENING**

Boston, MA - Today sees the grand opening of the British School of Boston's magnificent new school building by the British Consul-General to Boston and a host of international dignitaries from around the world. The new facility, overlooking woods and playing fields, basks in natural light and boasts an array of innovative features which incorporate the best in ergonomic design.

Housed on the 40 acre Showa Boston campus on the Jamaica Plain and Brookline border, the school now boasts a \$10 million purpose built facility for its 260 students and 40 faculty. After modest beginnings in Dedham in 2000, five years on, the school is poised to cater for up to 500 students aged 3-18.

No expense was spared fitting out the building with its multi-purpose hall, networked classrooms, science, art and design labs, music room and two libraries. The students are especially excited about their new home which houses an early years program on the first floor, the elementary program on the second floor and the junior and senior high school on the third floor.

“This building represents the dreams and aspirations of our parent company, the British Schools of America, which has sister schools in Chicago, Houston, Charlotte and Washington D.C.,” says Andrew Jedras, Principal at the school since 2003. “I am extremely proud of what has been accomplished by our team in such a short period of time. Working in partnership with Showa Boston we have built a school set to deliver the best international education in the Boston area.”

### **OPENING CEREMONY 9.30 – 10.30AM RECEPTION 10.30AM – 12PM**

Interviews are available with HM Consul-General, John Rankin, Acting Consul-General for Japan, Mr. Masayuki Takashima, Mr. Dennis Hallahane, CEO British Schools of America, Mr. Andrew Jedras, Headmaster British School of Boston, Ms. Noriko Hitomi, Chancellor Showa Women's University, Japan, Dr. Ron Provost, President, Showa Boston.

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