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Educational Philanthropy To create The New Heights Charter School Science Lab.

*The grant from the **Amelia Peabody Foundation** is not just a financial boost but a significant step towards strengthening hands-on learning at New Heights. It supports our commitment to preparing all students for college.*

Brockton, MA, August 20, 2024—New Heights Charter Schools of Brockton (NHCSB) is excited to share that we have received a **\$50,000** grant from the **Amelia Peabody Foundation**, with the support of **Friends of New Heights Foundation**, to establish and equip a science laboratory at our school. This grant will enable our students to engage in hands-on learning, developing essential safety skills for careers in Massachusetts's thriving Life Sciences Industry. As a college-focused school, we are thrilled about the positive impact that this well-equipped laboratory will have on our students' future.

Dr. Nichole Jones, the Principal of New Heights, expressed her appreciation for the grant and encouraged other philanthropic community members to make similar commitments to prepare our students for college. "We are proud to receive the **Amelia Peabody Foundation** grant and look forward to working with them on future scientific projects, which are vital for our student population," she said. Dr. Jones added, "We have high expectations for our students at New Heights, and to meet those expectations, we must equip them with the tools and resources they need to succeed. We are unwavering in our goal of preparing all our scholars for college. Period."

Amanda Roché, New Heights's Associate Principal of STEM, also welcomed the news and already has plans for the new lab. "We are grateful to be the recipient of the **Amelia Peabody Foundation** grant. We hope they will continue to fund our future academic-focused projects to provide the best and most equitable education to all our students from grades 6-12. We are committed to preparing and sending them to college."

Omari Walker, Executive Director of New Heights, commended the **Amelia Peabody Foundation** for its remarkable contribution to support learning at NHCSB and building a better future for our students. "Yes, we are committed to changing the face of urban education in the Metro South Region of Massachusetts and beyond. We are proud of that. We are equally proud to be Massachusetts's first public charter school that prepares all its students for college by providing opportunities for every child to attend college while still in high school. Period. We are glad that our model is being acknowledged throughout the Commonwealth."

New Heights Charter School is not just a school but a unique institution that is proud to be Massachusetts' first public charter school that prepares all its students to earn free, transferable college credits. We are proud of our scholars who begin taking college courses as early as the 9th grade and graduate with at least 12 college credits from one of our higher education partners. We hope this uniqueness makes you proud and supportive of our mission.

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