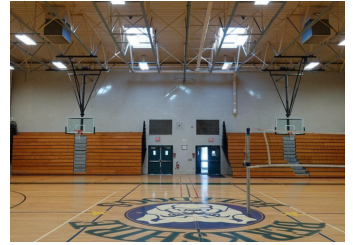


# DARROW SCHOOL

## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR DARROW'S EXPANSION



### What is Darrow announcing?

Darrow has entered into an agreement to acquire a second campus in nearby Canaan, New York. This expansion increases the School's capacity and strengthens its residential and programmatic model.

### Why is Darrow making this move now?

Space has become a limiting factor. Darrow has reached a point where continued growth, and the ability to fully deliver on its program, requires additional capacity. As enrollment expands toward 300+ students, the Darrow Road campus alone can no longer support that trajectory.

The Together for Youth/Berkshire Farms acquisition is not a departure from Darrow Road, but an extension of it. It removes the immediate capacity constraint and creates a clear path to scale thoughtfully, while preserving and strengthening the Darrow Road campus as the historic and cultural heart of the School.

### When will the new campus be in use?

The campus is expected to begin phased use during the 2026–2027 school year. Implementation will be deliberate, with a focus on maintaining a strong and cohesive student experience from the outset.

### Will students live on both campuses in 2026/2027?

Yes. Students will live and learn across both campuses beginning in 2026/2027. The rollout will be phased and intentionally designed to ensure a unified Darrow experience from day one.

### What does this change for students?

More space changes how a school operates. Students will benefit from expanded programming, stronger residential life, and greater flexibility in how their experience is structured. The goal is not simply to grow, but to improve.

### How close is the new campus?

Just over two miles from the Mountainside, close enough to function as one school, and distinct enough to expand the student experience.

## Will Darrow still feel like Darrow?

Yes. That is the point. Small classes, strong faculty relationships, and a community where students are known remain unchanged. This move is designed to protect and strengthen those qualities as the School grows.

## How will the two-campus model work?

As one integrated system. Two environments designed to work together. Students, faculty, and programs will move between them in ways that expand opportunity without creating separation.

## What will the new campus be used for?

Residential life, academic programming, athletics, and co-curricular activities. It also creates space for summer programs and experiential learning that were previously limited by capacity.

## What role does Queechy Lake play?

Access to Queechy Lake expands what daily life can look like. Darrow will develop waterfront programming that supports outdoor education, recreation, and place-based learning.

## How does this connect to Darrow's Shaker history?

The new campus carries a direct Shaker connection. The Together for Youth/Berkshire Farm site was part of the Lower Canaan Shaker Family, historically connected to the North Family at Mount Lebanon. Since the 1820s, this land has been part of the same Shaker landscape that shaped Darrow's Mountainside.

That history matters. Eldress Lucy Wright, a central leader of the Shaker movement, supported the formation of this community, extending a vision grounded in discipline, shared work, and purposeful living across the region.

In that sense, this is not simply Darrow acquiring more space. It is Darrow reconnecting with a broader Shaker landscape that has always been part of its story.

## When will more details be shared?

As planning advances, we will continue to share updates as timelines and next steps are finalized.

We will also go deeper at Reunion, June 12-14. That weekend will offer a clearer picture of how this unfolds, what it means for the School, and where Darrow is headed next. It will also be the first opportunity for many to experience the new campus in person.

## Who should I contact with questions?

Please feel free to reach out directly to the Director of Marketing and Communications at [proviasr@darrowschool.org](mailto:proviasr@darrowschool.org). We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available