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## **Huber Helps supports community design at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission Grammar School with grant to the Boston Society for Architecture**

(Boston, MA March 5, 2020) The BSA Society for Architecture (BSA) is pleased to announce that a recent grant from Huber Helps will support the community design of a playground for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission Grammar School (Mission Grammar), a pre-K through 8th grade school in Roxbury, MA. Huber Helps, a J.M. Huber Corporation program, supports projects that provide multi-year benefits to local communities.

Mission Grammar is housed in the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, known as the 'Mission Church' of Boston. It serves low income students. Founded in 1870, the church is the symbol of the Mission Hill neighborhood and continues to fulfill its mission to serve those in need. While the school has a talented and passionate staff that has been exceeding academic performance expectations, it lacks the basic recreational facilities necessary to engage students' bodies and minds in movement and informal learning.

The Huber Helps grant will support a BSA-led initiative to involve the school—teachers, students, and parents—as well as church staff and parishioners in a design effort to create a recreational space that students can use during school hours. In addition to giving much needed recreational facilities to Mission Grammar school, this playground will also fulfill the church community's broader goal of providing of a play space where students and community members stay safe when engaging in physical play and development.

"A strong community process will ensure that the insight of the people who use Mission Grammar every day are brought directly into the design conversation," said Boston Society for Architecture executive director Eric White. "We're grateful to Huber Helps for supporting our efforts to use design to provide safe and healthy communities throughout Greater Boston."

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## **About the Boston Society for Architecture**

The Boston Society for Architecture (BSA) is a diverse community committed to improving the quality of life for everyone through architecture and design. The BSA brings leadership about the built environment to New England's design profession and to communities throughout Greater Boston. The BSA keeps its 4,500 professional members working at the top of their fields while empowering children, communities, and municipalities to use design to create safe and healthy neighborhoods. Architecture can provide equitable solutions for housing, regional planning, and climate change. The BSA uses the expertise of architects, designers, and building professionals to make good design a part of life for everyone who lives, works, and plays in Boston. The BSA serves everyone who benefits from the built environment. By hosting professional and youth design education programs, fostering community engagement and membership networks, and initiating civic transformation, the BSA is making this a region where architects thrive and communities flourish.