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MANITOU FUND TO PROVIDE SHARED SPACE TO LOCAL CHARTER SCHOOL
*The Zephyr Theatre building will provide a home for
River Grove Elementary School beginning in Fall 2023*

STILLWATER, MINN. — April 13, 2023 — St. Croix Valley-based River Grove Elementary School announced they will be relocating to the Zephyr Theatre property located at 601 Main Street North in Stillwater for the start of 2023-24 school year. The move is part of an ongoing collaborative partnership with Manitou Fund, who recently entered into a purchase agreement to buy the property. The move will provide an interim home for the school as it continues to develop long-term plans to create a forest-based campus and learning center.

“We’re extremely excited about this opportunity and are incredibly thankful to Manitou Fund for providing us a unique space in such an amazing location,” says Drew Goodson, Executive Director, River Grove Elementary School. “We look forward to continuing the implementation of our innovative, place-based curriculum along the St. Croix River.”

“Manitou Fund is pleased to be able to offer River Grove an opportunity to continue to deliver thoughtful environmental based education programming,” says Oliver Din, president and chief executive officer. “This synergetic space will enable an environment of creative and collaborative community connections, including The Zephyr Theatre’s already proven school-based arts education programming.”

Manitou Fund is a private foundation based in White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

River Grove is a K-6 public charter school offering a unique place-based, environmentally centered, educational approach that capitalizes on the incredible natural setting and community resources of the St. Croix River Valley. For more, visit www.marineareaschool.org.

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