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The new facility will double the square footage and foster an environment truly suited to the needs of the families we serve, including six early childhood classrooms, three out-of-school classrooms with an innovative STEM room, expanded gymnasium for future events and tournaments, a community room for collaborative meetings, and nature-based outdoor play areas.

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