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## Closed School, Church Strike Deal

### ***Presentation School To Be Community Center***

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**BRIGHTON, Mass.** -- Two years after the Archdiocese of Boston abruptly closed the Our Lady of Presentation School, the church and the community have reached an agreement on what to do with the property.

NewsCenter 5's Jim Boyd reported the leaders of the fight to get Our Lady of Presentation reopened congratulated each other on Thursday after the church agreed to sell the building to the community for \$1 million.

"We have great hopes that the Presentation School will be a great service to build community in this neighborhood. And we are very, very pleased with the outcome," Cardinal Sean O'Malley said.

"It has been an ongoing battle for two years, and in that two years, the community lost a lot, families moved out. I think this will bring some families back to the community," said resident Siobhan McHugh.

But the building will not be used as a school again and will be used as a community center with after school programs, preschool and adult education.

"It feels good to have the school open again so people can go back in there," said former student Evelyn Morano.

"Two years ago I was really upset because they were closing my school, the school I went to almost all my life," said Sarah Zappala.

The agreement has strict provisions that the building cannot be used as a school again for 90 years. A violation could cost the community \$1.75 million -- the difference between the selling price and the appraised value of the building.

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