Project Summary

The project, completed in conjunction with Stephen Olney Elementary School, consists of the construction of a new elementary school on an existing school site at 55 Central Avenue in North Providence, RI. The school structure includes student common spaces, classrooms, gymnasium, staff commons, offices, support spaces, parking and exterior student spaces. The previous 25,008 SF school was demolished. The site was cleared and prepped for new construction. The site consists of 1.74 acres of land. The site has significant grade change from the edge of Central Avenue to the back of the school site. However, the majority of the existing building sits on relatively level grade. Water, sewer and drainage for the property were connected to city utilities at the street.

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ABOUT THE PROJECTS*

$30 million
Project Cost

74,000
Square Feet

Fall 2019
Completion Date

450
students
Grades K–5

$23 million
Total State Support

20%
Housing Aid Bonuses

76.4%
Final Reimbursement Rate

$0
Pay-As-You-Go Funding

*Combined figures for both McGuire and Stephen Olney Elementary School projects

Bonuses Realized & Valuable Outcomes

HEALTH & SAFETY

* The new school is equipped with the most current HVAC and ventilation systems for optimal mitigation of airborne germs.
* The school includes a state-of-the-art security system.

EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

* Each classroom has state-of-the-art technology to enhance 21st century teaching and learning.
* All spaces are climate controlled to ensure an optimal learning environment.
* The school includes an expanded and modernized library media center, full gymnasium and full cafeteria.

REPLACEMENT

* The original building was constructed in the 1930s, and age combined with lack of land precluded any expansion or structural modifications.

NEWER & FEWER

* Construction of two new and larger elementary schools enabled the district to close one elementary school built in the 1930s. A full redistricting allowed students to be dispersed to other neighborhood schools made possible by the two new elementary schools, which could accommodate a higher enrollment while also providing spacious learning environments.
* The new school contains approximately 400 students, with a capacity of approximately 450, providing substantial space and larger classrooms to ensure 21st century, student-centered, engaging learning experiences.

“North Providence benefited from the commitment of state officials to improve aging school infrastructure. The determination of our local elected officials, combined with the overwhelming support of our community to pass the school bond, has resulted in a school system that is more efficient and, most importantly, better equipped to provide our students a 21st century educational experience in state-of-the-art school buildings.”

— Joseph B. Goho, Superintendent