Nathanael Greene Elementary School underwent an extensive renovation between 2017 and 2018, providing the Pawtucket School Department with a “like new” facility upon completion. Renovation aspects included upgrades to and/or replacement of all mechanical, plumbing, electrical and fire safety systems, as well as reconfiguration of existing spaces to meet current RIDE standards for educational programming. Upgrades to all interior finishes included new flooring, new acoustical ceiling tiles, new paint throughout, all new bathroom fixtures and fittings and a new elevator. All aspects of the design were compliant with the latest version of the Northeast Collaborative for High Performance Schools (NE-CHPS) criteria.

**Project Summary**

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Bonuses Realized & Valuable Outcomes

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

- The new facility is truly spectacular, and we continue to marvel at how a renovated space can reduce the impact and costs to our environment, while boosting the health and wellness of our entire community. It affects teaching and learning and has a direct influence on how we implement environmental and sustainability education.

- The new technology installed in our classrooms is intriguing to our students, and they have become interested in the how and why of its use. New initiatives are being implemented to create day-to-day awareness, such as saving energy by turning off classroom lights and bringing reusable water bottles to school and the impact that has on minimizing the amount of plastics ending up in our oceans... how small steps can have a direct impact on our environment.

- Improving and sustaining the health and wellness of our students and staff is also at the top of our list of “must dos.” Evidence of this can be found within and outside our school walls. The recent building renovation included an entirely new HVAC system, which is beneficial to all its occupants. The immediate impact was impressive.

“Our public schools are the hub of our community. It is critical that they provide an environment that is not only warm, safe and dry but that is state of the art for 21st century learning. The renovations of both Potter-Burns and Nathanael Greene Elementary Schools provide large classrooms, media centers and collaborative and breakout spaces that create a positive learning environment and instill a sense of pride for staff, students, families and the community.”

— Cheryl McWilliams, Ed.D, Superintendent