



Elementary Schools New Construction

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Brooklyn Center, MN

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Type of School and Grades Served
Elementary School, Pre-K-6

Capacity: 900 students

Size of Site: 9.6 acres

Area of Building
150,100 square feet

Volume of Building
2 million cubic feet

Space per Student
167 square feet

Cost per Student: \$18,872

Square Foot Cost: \$113

Cost of Construction
\$17 million

Total Project Cost
\$17.6 million

Contract Date
May 2003

Completion Date
September 2004

Percent of Completion: 100%

Earle Brown Elementary School

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This new K-6 elementary school was made possible by a community venture that allowed the school district to trade its old building site with the adjacent city park site. A key challenge was to replace the aging school building with a new, contemporary elementary school that delicately integrates with the city park and surrounding residential setting. The building is designed to be a “village for learning”. Numerous areas of

the canted classroom wings—or “neighborhoods”—are topped with steep gable roofs that meander through the park.

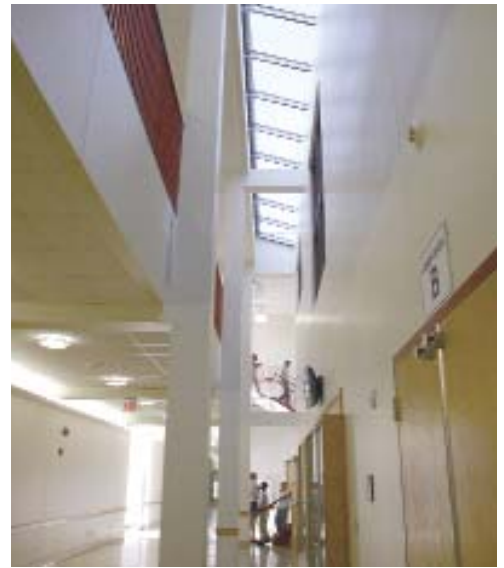
The classroom “house” design for each grade level enhances the learning environment by clustering classrooms around a central break-out space. Each house has its own color scheme, with an abundance of natural light and vaulted classroom ceilings, which provide a comfortable, personalized experience for

both children and staff.

Supplying cutting-edge technology was another major challenge. The new elementary school has a fiber-optic tie to the other buildings in the district, along with a wireless network system. An assisted-listening system in all classrooms allows the teachers to be heard more affectively. Additionally, a closed-circuit television security system helps make the school a safe learning environment. ■



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