



Entire School/
Campus Building
Renovation/Addition/
Restoration

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Type of School and
Grades Served:
High School, 9-12

Capacity: 1,690 students

Size of Site: 27 acres

Area of Building:
324,000 square feet

Space per Student:
191 square feet

Cost per Student: \$37,750

Square Foot Cost: \$197

Cost of Construction:
\$63.8 million

Total Project Cost:
\$71 million

Contract Date: May 2002

Completion Date: July 2006

Percent of Completion: 100%

HIGH SCHOOLS

Brien McMahon High School Center for Global Studies

Norwalk, Connecticut

Fletcher-Thompson, Inc.



MAIN ENTRY (INSET: MAIN ENTRY BEFORE)

Increased enrollment, changes in educational methods, and age prompted the school system to undertake this aggressive renovation and expansion project. The client desired an image of all new construction for the high school and a separate space and identity for the Center for Global Studies magnet program.

A 117,000-square-foot addition added a new cafeteria/commons area and culinary arts facility, as well as state-of-the-art science laboratories. An existing courtyard was transformed into a new media center that acts as an academic hub for the entire building. Three new entrances were created: one at the main student entry close to administration for security and control; another near the athletic facilities to accommodate public evening use; and a third for the new Center for Global Studies entry to distinguish it from the rest of the building.

A connecting sky bridge corridor was added to reduce



SKY BRIDGE CORRIDOR



REAR EXTERIOR

travel time between classes. Given the small urban site, athletic fields are situated close to the building, in view from the cafeteria/commons. The facility was unified by replacing the façade with an insulated

precast concrete and brick exterior wall system, while existing mechanical and electrical building systems were also replaced, resulting in a green building that reduces and controls energy consumption. ■

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