



Entire School/Campus  
Building  
New Construction

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**OWNER/CLIENT**

Town of Fairhaven  
Fairhaven, MA

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Type of School  
and Grades Served:  
Elementary School, Preschool-5

Capacity: 475 students

Size of Site: 15 acres

Area of Building:  
74,000 square feet

Volume of Building:  
984,200 cubic feet

Space per Student:  
155 square feet

Cost per Student: \$27,338

Square Foot Cost: \$175

Cost of Construction: \$13 million

Total Project Cost: \$16.5 million

Contract Date: Nov. 2005

Completion Date: Feb. 2007

Percent of Completion: 100%

# East Fairhaven Elementary School

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

HMFH Architects, Inc.

East Fairhaven Elementary School was designed with the goal of creating a school with full amenities and an inviting, distinctive appearance that surpasses expectations for a facility so economically constructed. With a simple, straightforward plan that simplifies navigation for its young users, this replacement school achieves its efficiencies through high-performance design and creative multiuse of space.

The energy-efficient new building is oriented to take advantage of daylighting through skylights and classroom windows, and the artificial lighting is designed to automatically dim when there is sufficient daylight. Building materials were selected for their long lifespans and inexpensive maintenance, as well as for their superior heat efficiency and positive impact on indoor air quality. The gymnasium doubles as a schoolwide



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performance/assembly space, where an acoustic partition can also isolate the stage for use as the music classroom during the day.

In addition to being highly user friendly, the new school is also just plain friendly. Unique "happy face" win-

dows, playful use of color, and child-scaled spaces, such as the library reading nook, offer a welcoming environment for students. The school also holds the distinction of being the most economically constructed new public school in Massachusetts since 2004. ■



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