



# Henry Johnson Charter School

Albany, New York

Rhinebeck Architecture & Planning PC

Entire School/Campus Building

Renovation/Addition/Restoration

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Type of School  
and Grades Served:  
Elementary, K-4

Capacity: 350 students

Size of Site: .8 acres

Area of Building:  
35,000 square feet

Space per Student:  
100 square feet

Cost per Student: \$16,570

Square Foot Cost: \$165

Cost of Construction:  
\$5.8 million

Contract Date: Aug. 2006

Completion Date: Sept. 2007

Percent of Completion: 100%



RENOVATED EXTERIOR



TYPICAL CLASSROOM



NEW ADDITION ENTRANCE

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Located in the West Hills area of the city, the Henry Johnson Charter School is named for Albany's hero of the First World War. Originally built in 1888 as Public School 3, the building was converted into an office building in the 1970s.

In 2004, Rhinebeck Architecture & Planning began working with the Brighter Choice Foundation

and BBL Construction Services to return the building to its former use. The exterior and interior masonry construction was well preserved, and significant portions of the existing building were retained and reused. The interior received a complete renovation, and an addition was constructed to provide new classrooms, gymnasium, media center, and administrative space

to house 350 elementary school students in grades K-4.

The addition was designed to provide space for education, to appropriately respond to and respect the scale and materials of the older facade, and to meet the demands of schedule and budget. New mechanical and electrical systems were installed to provide for energy-efficient operation and a sustainable future. ■