



Other: Commons/  
Gymnasium  
Renovation/Addition/  
Restoration

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**OWNER/CLIENT**

L'Anse Creuse Public Schools  
Harrison Township, MI

DiAnne M. Pellerin,  
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Type of School and  
Grades Served:  
High School, 10-12

Capacity: 1,560 students

Size of Site: 54.8 acres

Area of Building:  
30,900 square feet  
(additions only)

Volume of Building  
918,920 cubic feet

Space per Student:  
20 square feet

Cost per Student: \$2,800

Square Foot Cost: \$140

Cost of Construction:  
\$4.4 million

Total Project Cost: \$4.4 million

Contract Date: May 2006

Completion Date: Aug. 2007

Percent of Completion: 100%

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

# L'Anse Creuse High School

## Harrison Township, Michigan

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EXTERIOR OF ADDITION



COMMONS

Situated within the confines of a small triangular site, L'Anse Creuse High School was in need of a new competition gymnasium, main entry, and commons. The challenge was to meet the needs of the program within the confines of a small site.

To accomplish this, the existing gymnasium was removed completely and a new, larger, 18,450-square-foot gym was constructed in its place with higher ceilings, additional storage, and a competition-size basketball court. Two sets of bleachers frame

the court and fold inward to uncover two additional practice courts on either side of the main court for use during the day for classes.

A sports lobby filled with trophy cases serves as circulation space providing access to the gym, the adjacent pool lobby, and the new commons.

The new 8,870-square-foot commons greets students daily and doubles as after-hours gathering and activity space for dinners and sporting events, maximizing the use of the space.

High ceilings and immediate access to the school store provide impressive views upon entering the commons from the new main entry arcade. A circular reception desk provides control as well as a welcoming atmosphere.

Outside, the entry plaza offers comfort for large crowds exiting or entering the space. The project successfully created an identifiable main entrance as well as encompassed the building's many additions to provide a unified appearance. ■



MAIN ENTRANCE

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