



Pathfinder Project – Renovation of West Wing Cranston, Rhode Island



Project Summary

The Eden Park Pathfinder Project encompassed the complete renovation (interior and exterior) of the west wing of the school, as well as the renovation/addition of a secure school entry with accessibility improvements. The total area of the renovation was 18,000 square feet. This project served as a pilot program for transformation of existing schools into 21st century learning environments focused on improving student performance. This project also serves as a model for Cranston’s Master Plan and is the first step in the five-year capital improvement plan that is underway.

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ABOUT THE PROJECT



\$10 million
Project Cost

18,000
Square Feet

Fall 2019
Completion Date

300
students
Grades 5-8



\$7 million
Total State Support



15%
Housing Aid
Bonuses

66.9% Final
Reimbursement Rate

\$0
Pay-As-You-Go
Funding



Bonuses Realized & Valuable Outcomes

HEALTH & SAFETY

- This project meets or exceeds Northeast Collaborative for High Performance Schools criteria, as well as all health, safety and security standards.
- Critical elements include improved air quality, increased natural light, integrated operable windows, a new HVAC system that meets post-COVID requirements for enhanced ventilation and filtrations, BMC controls system and a secure entrance to the school.

EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

- The Pathfinder Project was focused on creating a learning environment that meets 21st century learning needs of students. The project was not only about making the building “safe, warm and dry”, but about delivery of the educational program in a way that meets the standards of society today.
- The teaching and administrative staff completed extensive training and professional development focused on a program that yields better performance and improved student behavior.

INCREASED UTILIZATION

- The district consolidated several school buildings as part of the five year capital improvement plan.



“This project resulted in significant improvement in student performance, reduction of behavioral issues, improved grades and overall achievement. Eden Park is a model school for the ongoing five-year school construction plan and our master plan, which will benefit Cranston students by delivering 21st century learning environments, as well as providing the community with spaces such as gymnasiums and auditoriums.”

— Jeannine Nota Masse, Superintendent