



Stephen Olney Elementary School

New Construction
North Providence, Rhode Island



Project Summary

The project consists of the construction of a new elementary school on an existing school site at 1378 Douglas Avenue in North Providence, RI. The project includes student common spaces, classrooms, gymnasium, staff commons, offices, support spaces and parking. The existing 28,831 SF school was demolished. The site was cleared and prepped for new construction. The site consists of 2.95 acres of land. The site had significant positive grade change from the edge of Douglas Avenue to back of the school site. However, the majority of the existing building sits on relatively level grade. Water, sewer and drainage for the property were connected to city utilities at the street.

Joseph Goho, Superintendent

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Construction Manager

SLAM
Architect of Record

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Architect

ABOUT THE PROJECTS*

\$30 million
Project Cost

 **74,000**
Square Feet

Fall 2019
Completion Date

450
students
Grades K-5 

\$23 million
Total State Support

 **20%**
Housing Aid
Bonuses

76.4% Final
Reimbursement Rate

\$0
Pay-As-You-Go
Funding 

*Combined figures for both McGuire and Stephen Olney Elementary School projects

Bonuses Realized & Valuable Outcomes

HEALTH & SAFETY

- The new school is equipped with the most current, state-of-the-art HVAC and ventilation systems for optimal mitigation of airborne germs.
- The school includes a state-of-the-art security system.

EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

- Each classroom has state-of-the-art technology to enhance 21st century teaching and learning.
- All spaces are climate controlled to ensure an optimal learning environment.
- The school includes an expanded and modernized library media center, full gymnasium and full cafeteria.

REPLACEMENT

- The original building was constructed in the 1930s, and age combined with lack of land precluded any expansion or structural modifications to the older school.

NEWER & FEWER

- Construction of two new and larger elementary schools enabled the district to close one elementary school built in the 1930s. A full redistricting allowed students to be dispersed to other neighborhood schools made possible by the two new elementary schools, which could accommodate a higher enrollment while also providing spacious learning environments.
- The new school contains approximately 400 students, with a capacity of approximately 450, providing substantial space and larger classrooms to ensure 21st century, student-centered, engaging learning experiences.

“As a result of the school construction project, North Providence schools are flourishing. North Providence is one of only a handful of school systems experiencing enrollment growth. Families tell us that their attraction to North Providence is a result of the outstanding reputation of the school system, particularly its spectacular new schools and revitalized buildings, which provide an educational setting that is the envy of New England.”

— Joseph B. Goho, Superintendent