



## School Consolidation Smithfield, Rhode Island



### Project Summary

The Smithfield School Department, with the support of the Town of Smithfield and RIDE-SBA, transformed its elementary schools to better serve its students and community. The process was guided by several overarching principles: To transform the current facilities to support 21st century education, create inclusive spaces that supported all students and to maximize RIDE reimbursement to align with the financial plan of the Town of Smithfield. After the plan was developed and approved by RIDE-SBA, the voters of Smithfield approved a bond referendum in the amount of \$45,000,000. To that end, the following design requirements were determined to be the focus of this effort: 1) The realignment of the student population from four schools into three. This would include the shifting of students from the William Winsor school to the Anna McCabe School and the shifting of all Pre-K students to the LaPerche school. 2) The construction of approximately 80,000 SF of additions to support the changing student populations and provide space to include 21st century learning environments in the three remaining schools.

#### Dr. Judy Paolucci, Superintendent

#### School Committee Members

Virginia Harnois, Chair

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#### Project Team

Colliers Project Leaders  
*Owner's Project Manager*

Ahlborg Construction Corporation  
*Construction Manager*

DBVW Architects  
*Architect*

## ABOUT THE PROJECT



**\$45 million**  
Project Cost

**175,000**  
Square Feet

**Fall 2021**  
Completion Date

**1062**  
students  
Grades Pre-K-5



**\$20.5 million**  
Total State Support



**15%**  
Housing Aid  
Bonuses

**50% Final**  
Reimbursement Rate

**\$3.5 million**  
Pay-As-You-Go  
Funding



## Bonuses Realized & Valuable Outcomes

### MCCABE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 35,000 SF addition including, but not limited to, a new gym, media center, outdoor play and learning environments, learning labs, maker space and a suite of kindergarten classrooms with bathrooms.

### LAPERCHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 30,000 SF addition including, but not limited to, a new media center, suite of Pre-K classrooms with bathrooms, art room, outdoor play and learning environments, special education administration area, learning lab and media center.

### OLD COUNTY ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 15,000 SF addition including, but not limited to, a new media center, secure entrance and administration area, art room, music room, elevator, nurse's office and maker space.



*"Smithfield's renovations and additions to its elementary schools did more than ensure that facilities were warm, safe and dry; the project ensured that these schools were also welcoming, flexible and inspiring places to teach and learn. Through careful oversight, construction was both on time and on budget, despite inevitable surprises that occur when floors are pulled up and walls are pulled down. The residents of the Town of Smithfield will enjoy these learning facilities, which also house gymnasiums and community spaces accessible to the entire community, for years to come."*

*— Dr. Judy Paolucci, Superintendent of Schools*