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The PBC Completes 11 CPS Projects Across the City



The world of education is ever changing but the need for modern cutting-edge facilities where students can network, study and learn is constant. PBC has completed 11 Chicago Public School projects including three high school renovation projects on Chicago's southside; an elementary school renovation project and the construction of seven annexes, along with their pertinent renovation work.

These beautiful schools afford students across the city the opportunity for a first-rate educational experience in facilities that are structured to enhance the learning experience.

The Decatur Classical Elementary School Annex and renovation project included a new 18,700 sq. ft., one story annex connected to an existing one-story school building. Once students are allowed to attend school again, the annex will increase the capacity as well as expand Decatur's educational program to include 7th and 8th grade.

Named after one of the earliest settlers in Chicago's West Ridge neighborhood of Rogers Park, **Rogers Elementary School's** 30,000 sq. ft. two-story annex includes science, music, art and standard classrooms. The project also features site improvements including, but not limited to, a new parking lot, stormwater management infrastructure, landscaping and a new outdoor playground.

The three-story annex joined to the existing one-story **Dirksen Elementary School** via a newly constructed mezzanine, will double student capacity as well as eliminate two four classroom modular units. Work within the existing school building included the conversion of the existing kitchen to a teacher's lounge, severely into an office, along with the transformation of two kindergarten rooms into a drama and music classroom.

Edgar Allan Poe Classical School is a K-6 school on the South Side of Chicago in the historic North Pullman community. The diverse population of academically talented students will return to a 19,000 sq ft four story annex that will include a new gymnasium/multipurpose room, a new student dining/multipurpose room, hybrid kitchen and extensive renovations in the music, library and gymnasium spaces.



Decatur Classical Elementary School



Waters Elementary



Palmer Elementary School



Decatur Classical Elementary School

Palmer Elementary School annex and renovation project eliminated an existing eight classroom modular unit and created a new 35,000 sq ft. two story annex to accompany an existing two-story building. The legacy building's renovations featured the conversion of the existing kitchen and lunchroom into two typical classrooms, converting the art classroom into a typical classroom and renovating the computer lab to provide added power/data infrastructure.

McDade Classical Elementary School added a new 9,700 sq. ft. gymnasium/multi-purpose room facility with classrooms to an existing one-story school building. The school now has the capacity to expand programming to include 7th and 8th grade while needed renovations to key areas of the existing school will improve the learning environment for all students.

Waters Elementary School, a level 1+ rated neighborhood elementary school with magnet cluster programs specializing in fine and performing arts, ecology and technology, new 31,000 sq. ft three-story annex include music, art and three special needs classrooms. The project also features site improvements including, but not limited to, stormwater management infrastructure, landscaping, a new outdoor playground and outdoor nature play area.

[Read more in the Q3 2020 News Letter](#)

“Once students are able to safely attend class again, these modern, cutting-edge facilities are places where our future leaders across the city can network, study and learn while being afforded an opportunity for a first-rate educational environment in facilities that are structured to enhance the learning experience.”

- Carina E. Sánchez



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