

## Billings Public Schools, McKinley Elementary School Billings, MT

Imagine a school that is not only the pride of the community, but its identity. This is McKinley Elementary—a historic school, originally built in 1906. This renovation and expansion went beyond adding classrooms and restoring iconic masonry. Squeaky wood floors were refinished and old radiators left in place for charm (while a high-efficiency heating and cooling system replaced an ailing steam boiler), and the iconic fire escape was retained. Classrooms were added and floor layouts reorganized. Bathrooms are now found on each floor.

The addition is nearly as large as the original structure and while capacity was doubled, outdoor play space was preserved (as the existing one-story annex was demolished). For the first time, McKinley is fully accessible—with the addition of an elevator and a new special education classroom (with its own bathroom and shower).

At the ribbon cutting, designers, educators, and builders stood among four generations of families who attended this school and all appreciated, with pride, that McKinley will be here for many generations to come.

### Remodel/Adaptive Reuse/ Restoration

#### Entire school/campus building

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#### OWNER/CLIENT

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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: K-5  
 Capacity: 400  
 Size of Site: 2.07 acres  
 Building Area: 54,585 sq. ft.  
 Space per Student: 136.5 sq. ft.  
 Cost per Student: \$34,005  
 Square Foot Cost: \$249  
 Project Cost: \$13,602,078  
 Completion Date: August 2015

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