



Rochester City School District—Henry Hudson School No. 28 Rochester, NY

Built in 1969, this Brutalist-style school in a Rochester, NY, residential neighborhood was dark and austere, with any prior renovation limited by the substantial presence of regulated building materials. Abatement and a total renovation was performed on the existing 85,000 sq. ft. building, and over 8,000 sq. ft. in additions were added to the footprint. Project scope included a new stair tower and main entrance; all new building systems, including energy efficient HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems; new windows and a roof restoration. Beyond its engineering challenges, however, the true transformation of this building lies in the unique reconfiguration of its interior space.

With only 12 feet of floor-to-floor height to work with, the design team creatively transformed existing corridors of dark gray CMU walls, dark brown brick floors, and low ceilings. The undulating floor plan created unique pathways, accented planes, and glass storefront systems. Light and bright finishes reflect borrowed natural light. The new floor plan also offers a new, secure single point of entry, which features a glass storefront system for visual



openness and security film to protect the building's occupants.

The exterior additions allowed for a dramatically reimagined entrance from the hulking portico of the original building. The whimsical square pattern on exterior surfaces plays on the existing blocky vocabulary. The street-facing façade is no longer a wall

of concrete and, in its place, is transparency and a colorful neighborhood face. School 28

has been transformed into a modern, dynamic space for its K-8 occupants.



Remodel/Adaptive Reuse/ Restoration

Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: K-8
Capacity: 725
Size of Site: 5.8 acres
Building Area: 93,680 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 130 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$31,059
Square Foot Cost: \$240
Project Cost: \$22,517,453
Completion Date: August 2014

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