



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Elias Brookings School Springfield, MA



A tornado damaged several city-owned buildings in Springfield, Massachusetts. Elias Brookings School was severely damaged and due to the age of the building (1925), renovations and the requirements to meet new code compliance were not feasible. Development of a new facility on a 3.5-acre site near the existing school began, and students were moved to modular temporary classrooms across the street from the new construction site.

Neighborhood meetings were held to discuss the design and gather input. Issues such as traffic and student safety were a primary concern. The need to create a true "community school" and encourage community members to use the facility both after-hours and to offer programs during school hours were also priorities.

The new 65,000 SF elementary school includes a central lobby staircase, gymnasium, cafeteria, media center, classrooms for music, art and community room spaces. Every classroom features smart boards, flexible layouts and furniture.

The exterior features a playground adjacent to a student garden and playing field. Design elements of the school reflect nearby buildings such as the red brick exterior chosen to mimic the architecture of Springfield College, and the Springfield Armory National Historic Site. Elias Brookings School was designed to meet Massachusetts's Collaborative for High Performance Schools designation.

### New Construction/Addition Entire school/campus building

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#### OWNER/CLIENT

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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: PreK-5  
Capacity: 380 students  
Size of Site: 3.5 acres  
Building Area: 65,000 gsf  
Space per Student: 180 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$62,317  
Square Foot Cost: \$345  
Project Cost: \$27,500,000  
Completion Date: February 2015  
Sustainability Rating Status: CHPS

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