



Edison Elementary School Addition/Remodel

Council Bluffs, IA

Remodel/Adaptive Reuse/ Restoration

Library/media center

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OWNER/CLIENT

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District
Council Bluffs, IA
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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Pre-K-5
Capacity: 604 students
Size of Site: 22 acres
Building Area: 59,474 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 98 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$7,199
Square Foot Cost: \$73
Construction Cost: \$4,348,543
Project Cost: \$4,968,579
Completion Date: September 2013

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Edison Elementary School, a culturally diverse school has students in grades Pre-K-5. Edison has quality staff, supportive parents and students that achieve at high levels. The school outgrew its perimeter walls to provide the necessary curriculum; therefore, expansion was required and opportunity given for a new Media Center. Working collaboratively with the district, we started the venture to future opportunity.

The Media Center is an academic library supporting school programs along with the teaching and learning process. Children discover to read and experiment through independent study. This discovery starts outside the Media Center within the dynamic floor pattern to assist with way-finding, as well as the circular resin panels suspended by the structure. Each panel represents the dynamics of the great Inventor Thomas Edison and each opportunity that students can make for themselves.

Once in the Media Center, circular panels continue to remind students of the rapidly changing world of information. There is open shelv-



ing, computer access, virtual as well as physical space, creating the collaborative approach to activities fostering information literacy. Vibrant colors and fun patterns on

the flexible furniture give students the motivation to reach their full potential. This space has made a difference to student achievement.

