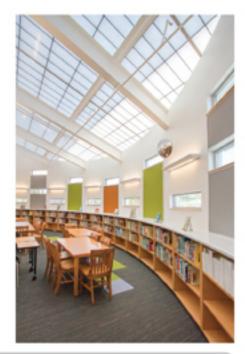
# Coronado Elementary School

## Richmond, CA





The original Coronado school was the victim of arson attacks and on the district's list of school closures. The community didn't accept this fate. After all, despite being an underserved community, with 100% students of color, they had made significant progress, their STAR test scores had risen 500 points in five years—a testament to the community's strong desire and belief in its children's education and future.

Like the phoenix, Coronado rose anew because of a committed community that rallied to save its school. The Fibonacci spiral, like the nautilus shell, was the inspiration for the school's design layout—the intention that the students attending Coronado will grow exponentially in knowledge and community. The curve of the library wall illustrates its importance as the heart of the school as it wraps around the health center and classrooms to symbolize the expanding possibilities.

This small campus site makes great use of its outdoor learning areas. The patio cover over the outdoor lunch area doubles as an outdoor learning center with translucent panels that drop down to protect the students from the sun, wind and rain. Sustainable gardens are accessible to the community, providing students with hands-on opportunities to learn about the science behind food and nutrition.

## New Construction/Addition Entire school/campus building

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### DESIGN TEAM

Thornton Tomasetti, Structural Engineer Carlson, Barbee & Gibson, Inc., Civil Engineer WHM, Inc., Electrical Engineer BP & Associates, Inc., Mechanical/Plumbing Engineer Energy Consultant, Gabel Associates, LLC Landscape Architect, Carducci & Associates, Inc.

### OWNER/CLIENT

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#### **KEY STATS**

Grades Served: K-6
Capacity: 450
Size of Site: 3.5 acres
Building Area: 65,000 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 144 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$62,222
Square Foot Cost: \$431
Construction Cost: \$28,000,000
Project Cost: \$35,000,000
Completion Date: September 2015
Sustainability Rating System/Applied/Status/Level:
CHPS

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