

## Menasha High School Menasha, WI

For many years the iconic Menasha High School has served as a source of pride for the Menasha Joint School District (MJSD). But while the stately 1930's era Georgian exterior has become a community landmark, its outdated interiors could no longer support the district's goals for education. Its corridors were narrow, circuitous, and difficult to supervise; its classrooms were small and isolated and its interiors were dark and devoid of natural light. There was little that spoke of the personalized and collaborative learning practices that MJSD sought to implement.

It was crucial to the district's vision the renovations addressed circulation and ADA accessibility concerns, as well as ensuring natural light was prominent in learning environments, without sacrificing the iconic exterior of the building. To prepare the district for growth and the future of education, the learning environments were transformed into transparent, flexible spaces to support active learning



### Remodel/Adaptive Reuse/ Restoration

#### Entire school/campus building

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#### DESIGN TEAM

Miron Construction Co., Inc., Construction Management

Fredericksen Engineering, Mechanical Engineering

Powertek Engineering, Inc., Electrical Engineering

Muermann Engineering, Plumbing

Arnold & O'Sheridan, Inc., Structural Engineering

Point of Beginning, Inc., Civil Engineering

#### OWNER/CLIENT

Menasha Joint School District

Menasha, WI

Chris VanderHeyden, Superintendent

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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: 9-12

Capacity: 1,300

Size of Site: 12 acres

Building Area: 271,000 sq. ft.

Space per Student: 246 sq. ft.

Cost per Student: \$24,045

Square Foot Cost: \$98

Construction Cost: \$26,450,000

Project Cost: \$29,995,000

Completion Date: August 2015

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strategies and philosophies.

A new addition for flexible science labs and band/orchestra areas created space inside the original building to allow for wider circulation paths and department-based collaboration areas to best meet student needs. The library and cafeteria were expanded and transformed into common spaces, becoming centers for student life within the facility. The existing structure was strategically altered to allow for the installation of two-story light wells and large glass window walls. Where the new additions obscured the historic façade, the original exterior was used to create feature walls in new, light-filled interior courts. The historic exterior was also restored celebrating the original beauty of the school.

The result is a facility that sets the standard for future learning without losing its connection to the past. The building is once again a source of



pride for the community and has positioned the district, teachers, students and community for success.