



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Laketown Elementary School Waconia, MN



The new 600-student K-5 elementary school, is the third in the district. The site of the new Laketown Elementary is a 52-acre wooded site, bordered by wetlands. A desire to connect students to nature and diverse habitats became the inspiration for the biophilic design of this new 84,000 square foot two-story building.

The entry Courtyard and Clock tower, create a civic center to the new community. You enter the building into the heart of the school, the Cafeteria Commons, designed to be used throughout the day by students and the community. At the academic heart of the school, overlooking the Cafeteria Commons and expansive north-facing window wall, is the Media Center and Innovation Lab. With a focus on relationships and community, the school is broken down into neighborhoods or habitats represented within the area.

The building is designed to provide 21st-century learning space, with equity in mind. Each grade, in addition to daylit classrooms, is provided flexible large

group gathering space. Individualized learning is promoted with a variety of breakout spaces and opportunities for small group or individual work-space.



New Construction/Addition School prototype plan

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: K-5
Capacity: 600, expandable to 800
Size of Site: 52 acres
Building Area: 84,000 gsf
Space per Student: 140 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$30,000
Square Foot Cost: \$214
Project Cost: \$18,000,000
Completion Date: September 2016

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