



Burton Elementary and Middle School

Grand Rapids Public Schools

Challenge:
Renovate the school and bring it to contemporary learning standards, allowing flexibility for future changes, and keeping the overall exterior aesthetic

Results:
“...The projects Progressive have designed are some of the best examples in the nation of converting older school buildings into state-of-the-art learning centers. They are to be applauded for their outstanding work redesigning 1920s school buildings into sustainable facilities, maintaining the historic integrity, and creating viable 21st Century educational spaces..”

- William S. DeJong
CEO, DeJONG Inc.

- complete renovation of a 188,000-square-foot historic 1920's k-8 building which serves 950 students
- project elements include 43 regular education and 12 special education classrooms with a teacher technology station in each classroom, and a three-story high glass-enclosed entry lobby
- anticipating USGBC LEED Certification
- exterior and interior details were either maintained or their “feel” recreated with modern technologies and applications
- an enclosed courtyard is utilized as a pre-school/kindergarten play area
- aging utilities were replaced and a unique roof rain water recovery system was designed as an educational demonstration tool
- Grand Rapids, MI