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## **Gilbane completes Amity schools' \$75 million additions and renovations**

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Gilbane completes the Amity schools construction of several new additions to the high school and a mix of renovation and new construction at two middle schools. Grade reconfiguration allowed the two junior high schools to be converted into two middle schools and the expansion of a high school to accommodate grades 9-12.

The total construction costs were \$75 million.

A new two-story addition was built in front of the existing Amity High School offering additional classroom space on the second floor and a new administration wing on the ground floor. Additions to the back of the building allowed for a new technical education and science classrooms, the gymnasium and an art and health curriculum. A minor expansion of the Board of Education offices was undertaken to allow the existing cafeteria to be expanded, as well.

Gilbane proposed the use of modular structures to be used as a temporary educational facility to facilitate more expedient construction at the two middle schools while minimizing disruption during the school year. Since there was a drive to move quickly on the school projects, Gilbane's expertise in serving as the program manager helped Amity get from referendum to start of phased construction in 8 months while funding was being finalized and building design was being completed. The project not only was completed on time, but also under budget.

Gilbane's past accomplishments in the state of Conn, include Norwalk Brien McMahon High School, Sterling Community School and recurring work at both Pfizer and Electric Boat. Gilbane is also the PM overseeing the city of New Haven's school reconstruction program.

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