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Sullivan Construction nears completion of multi-phased Mason School renovation

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Sullivan Construction Inc. team is putting the final touches on a Green/Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) project as the final phase of the Mason School District, SAU 63, renovation and new construction project for the Mason Elementary School draws to a close.

Phase 3 involved the complete transformation of a historic 1700s church into additional conference room and staff office and support facilities.

The Sullivan team, working in conjunction with the Mason School building committee and Daniel Scully Architects, began the \$3.9 million expansion/transformation in the summer of 2009 with the Phase 1 renovation of existing classrooms initiated at the end of the 2009 school year. Under the supervision of Bill Frisella, project manager, the nine week 11,000 s/f renovation of the existing elementary school was completed in time for opening day of the 2009/2010 school year.

Phase 2 of the project involved the construction of a new 11,000 s/f building addition which houses a new art room, computer lab, nurse room, special education class room, new commercial kitchen facilities, cafeteria and multi-purpose/ community room.

The major challenges included renovating all existing 1st through 5th grade classrooms, constructing spaces for the newly added Kindergarten

The addition of R-50 insulation in the attic coupled with the high efficiency wood pellet boiler, back up boiler and new lighting and controls will result in one of the most energy efficient school facilities possible.

The addition of a complete fire suppression system and life safety systems added to the comfort of the facility. All construction activities were completed while being mindful of CHPS requirements such as dust control, weather tightness and insulation values, day light sensing, sound proofing, buying 'green' and reuse/recycling of construction materials. In excess of 87% of all construction debris was recycled.

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