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CTA Construction participates in ribbon cutting for Fairhaven Elementary School: project team includes hmfh and daedalus projects

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CTA Construction participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new, 78,000 s/f "model" school, the Leroy L. Wood Elementary School, constructed within 14 months. This \$20 million school is situated at the site of the formerly overcrowded and inadequate Wood Elementary School which was demolished prior to the start of construction.

Students in the new Fairhaven Pre-K to Grade 5 School will now enjoy a library filled with light, full-sized cafeteria/kitchen and gymnasium, as well as specialty classrooms -- music classrooms with instrument storage, computer classroom dedicated art classroom, and a project room designed to accommodate science and other messy, hands-on exploration. This energy-efficient new building is oriented to take advantage of day-lighting through skylights and classroom windows, and the artificial lighting is designed to dim automatically when there is sufficient daylight. This building not only participates in the Massachusetts Collaborative for High Performance School (MA-CHPS), but holds the distinction of being the most economically constructed new school in the Commonwealth since 2004.

The project architect is HMFH Architects, Inc. and the owner's project manager is Daedalus Projects, Inc.

The Mass. School Building Authority's Model School Program involves the adaptation and re-use of designs of successful, recently constructed schools. Model schools are efficient and easy to maintain, contain optimal learning spaces, can accommodate different enrollments, incorporate sustainable features and be flexible in educational programming spaces while supporting community use.

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Shown (from left) are: school principal Amy Hartley-Matteson; Richard Marks of Daedalus Projects; Patrick Tompkins of CTA Const.; superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin; CTA Const. superintendent Rick Senna; selectboard executive secretary Jeffrey Osuch; Fairhaven School Building committee chairperson Christopher Bunnell; school committee chairperson Pam Kuechler; selectboard chair Charles Murphy; MSBA executive director Jack McCarthy; and Pip Lewis of HMFH Architects, Inc.

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