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## **Project of the Month: Pugliese Contracting completes 10,000 s/f addition at Windham Woods School on a four-month timeline**

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Windham, NH Windham Woods School, a non-profit private school for children with mild to moderate learning challenges in grades 1-10, recently completed a 10,000 s/f addition.

When Tom Murray of Pugliese Contracting became aware of the project in its conceptual stages, he offered to make significant donations of time and resources to help make this project possible. One hundred percent of the cost was covered through fundraising with over 103 donors.

Based on Murray's experience while serving on the Windham School Board, he understands that "one size does not fit all" when it comes to the education of children. That is why he decided to contribute to help build this special place for children to learn.

Murray understands that environments like the Windham Woods School are necessary for those children who might need a different learning environment in order to reach their learning potential, "I have always believed every child can learn in the right environment. Windham Woods is a truly special place with incredible educators who are passionate and motivated to help children find success. I hope this space will make students feel proud of not only what they learn, but where they learn."

The project commenced in late April of 2020 with an extremely aggressive four-month timeline. "The entire team understood that Windham Woods' first day of school was September 1st and we simply had to make that deadline," Murray said.

Construction concluded in late August just a few days before the fall opening.

"Projects of this magnitude are possible because of incredible teamwork and collaboration," said Murray. In total, there were over 100 members of the construction team including representatives from Rob Hannon Architects, The Dubay Group, Millennium Construction Services, Southern NH Concrete, Eyecor Excavation, High-Tech Electrical Contractors, Inc., Masse Fire Protection Services, Twin Metals Inc., Quality Air, Bill Wenzel Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., Skillings and Sons Inc., Arron Enterprises, and Atlas Granite.

"It is extremely rewarding to see the students thrive in such an amazingly beautiful, well-built space," Murray said. "It's projects like these that make us feel good about what we do."