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New Bedford, MA New England construction management firm Dellbrook|JKS celebrated the ribbon cutting of Alma del Mar Charter School's Frederick Douglass Campus on Friday, January 28th, alongside the OPM, Compass Project Management, and Arrowstreet Architects, Inc.

The Frederick Douglass Campus, totaling 52,000 s/f, is located just off Church St. in the city. The structure, comprised of pre-engineered metal buildings, sits on four acres that hold a parking lot, pickup/drop off area, playground, and an outdoor classroom space. The interior of the building has classrooms, a gymnasium, a cafeteria with servery, offices, and support spaces.

With colorful panels, environmental graphics, encouraging words and murals about the school's namesake, scholars at the Frederick Douglass Campus are sure to feel at inspired when walking

through their school. The building also has extensive sound control measures, so ambient city noise will not distract any bright mind from learning.

“It’s been an absolute honor to partner with the teams from Compass Project Management (again!) and Arrowstreet on the Frederick Douglass Campus,” said Dellbrook|JKS project manager Carolyn Kimball. “Alma’s tireless dedication to their scholars and the local New Bedford community helped inspire the team the whole way through! We’re so grateful to get the chance to see Alma’s scholars making the most of their new facility. It’s a privilege to participate in a little bit of their history like we’re doing today.”

This is Dellbrook|JKS’s second project with Alma del Mar. In winter of 2016, the firm completed the Sara D. Ottiwell Campus, where Kimball also served as assistant project manager. Like the Frederick Douglass Campus, the school provides a modern learning environment for New Bedford’s children.

“It was a pleasure working with Alma del Mar Charter School and Compass Project Management for the construction of the Frederick Douglass Campus,” said Dellbrook|JKS project executive Greg Inman. “The high level of collaboration that occurred amongst this project team is something to celebrate. Together we maintained a tight construction schedule and created a wonderful space that will most definitely make a difference for the surrounding community.

Certainly, the Frederick Douglass Campus has already made a significant impact. Kimball recalls multiple project partners noting that their involvement in the school’s construction moved them to research the life of Frederick Douglass. This exciting new building will continue influencing people to learn and discover. To reference one of Alma’s signature sayings, “that’s ed. that adds up.”

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