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Chapman Construction selected for Merrimack YMCA's Early Education Center renovation

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Merrimack, NH Chapman Construction has been selected to oversee renovations to the Merrimack YMCA's Early Education Center (EEC). The center provides childcare services for over 350 children, ranging from six weeks old to kindergarten age.

The Merrimack YMCA is part of the YMCA of Greater Nashua's family of branches and is undertaking these renovations to expand its impact, create engaging learning environments, and continue providing the quality early education that defines its mission. Upon completion, the project will help enhance the center's sustainability and reputation for educational excellence.

Chapman's selection took into account its approach to instituting a phased turnover of the renovated areas, which allows the YMCA to maintain daily operations. Chapman will renovate a total of 24,000

s/f, including updates to two classrooms, bathrooms, and a kitchen area, along with introducing aesthetic improvements, such as new storage areas for bags and supplies, as well as dedicated spaces for teachers and support staff to connect. The team will also utilize a design/build approach wherein it will work closely with YMCA's architects and plans while partnering with Kevin Correia Architects and Team Engineering for local support.

In addition, the project will introduce sustainable measures that make the EEC a healthier environment for children and YMCA staff members alike, with a distinct focus on more natural daylighting, including the installation of skylights in high-traffic areas.

"We are excited to embark on this next chapter in the Merrimack YMCA's evolution, which will undoubtedly enhance our mission and purpose in the communities we serve," said Joe Manzoli, COO of the YMCA of Greater Nashua. "Our children and teachers will thrive in the soon-to-be-transformed Early Education Center, and we look forward to unveiling this incredible resource for the Merrimack community in the months to come."

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