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HMFH Architects dedicates reopening of War Memorial Rec. Ctr.

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HMFH Architects, a leading architectural firm focused on the design of innovative learning environments, has formally dedicated and reopened the Cambridge War Memorial Recreation Center for the city that took place earlier this month.

The 73,000 s/f, two-story facility is located at the city's public high school. With its attached swimming pool and field house, the War Memorial Recreation Center serves 2,000 students daily and functions as Cambridge's central community athletic facility. The facility includes three pools, a gymnasium with basketball and volleyball courts, a state-of-the-art fitness room, a multipurpose room and separate locker room facilities for school and public use.

In order to improve the efficiency and appearance of this heavily-used complex from the 1950s, HMFH designed a program of renovations to improve and update all building systems, provide better public circulation and access, and more appropriately house the city's athletic programs. The renovated facility includes new school and community entrances, new student locker and shower facilities, separate locker rooms for night and weekend use by non-students, administrative offices and classrooms for the high school and for recreation department programs, as well as flexible, shared spaces to serve all users.

The grand reopening ceremony included the unveiling of a plaque in memory of William Gurry (1916-1983), former director of recreation programs & pool manager for the facility and a lifelong Cambridge resident. During designated hours of Open House Week, all activities at the facility are free of charge.

About HMFH

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