



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | **NEW CONSTRUCTION/ADDITION** | ENTIRE SCHOOL/CAMPUS BUILDING

## Calvin Coolidge Elementary School

Lansing, IL



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Lansing School District 158  
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### KEY STATS

Grades Served: K–5  
Capacity of Students/Occupants: 930  
Size of Site: 8.1 acres  
Gross Area of Bldg./Space: 88,590 gsf  
Space per Student: 95.75 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$24,471  
Square Foot Cost: \$256  
Project Cost: \$22,757,658  
Occupation Date: 8/5/2019

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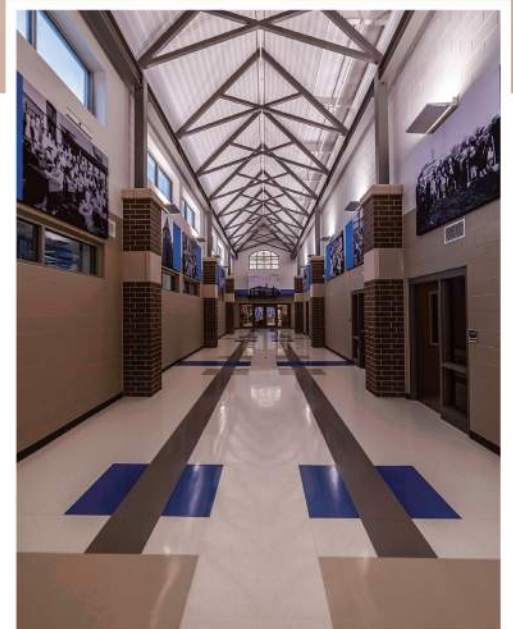
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In 1928, Calvin Coolidge School in Lansing, Illinois, was dedicated to the 30th President. The goals of this project were to improve the quality of the educational environment, to implement an energy-conscious/sustainable design, to create opportunities to celebrate the original school and decades of adaptation, and to give homage to the 1928 building vocabulary that evokes this history.

The project reflects the school district's desire to achieve these goals. The focus on new classrooms with integrated technology and amenities to improve the environment is demonstrated in classroom clusters that serve each grade level. Colorful finishes are used to denote wayfinding and classroom blocks

for students. These finishes tie to the Six Pillars of Character—Responsibility, Caring, Leadership, Fairness, Respect, and Trustworthiness, which impart a positive daily message.

A key feature is a focus on bridging history from past to present. Stone elements of the original 1928 building façade have been restored and re-purposed within the new building. These elements bring forth the memorable features of the past and establish a new beginning through their adaptive reuse. Working with the Lansing Historical Society, images of past and present are graphically interwoven into the center atrium hall to remind and inspire current students and staff.



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