CASE STUDY

OLD REDFORD ACADEMY

The organization had operated successfully in a 1950’s era building which had long outlived its usefulness as an educational institution. While the complex of buildings offered a viable cafeteria and gymnasium, the central educational space was beyond repair. A new building was required, but the time between the end of one school year and the beginning of another required quick action.

The school board expected the utmost in quality and a pleasing design aesthetic as a reflection of their commitment to excellence in both academics and personal development. Teaming with Innovative Modular Solutions of Naperville, Illinois and Lee Stevens (AIA) of Port Huron, Michigan, Whitley was able to deliver both. The building features two wings of classrooms, built with non-combustible materials. These meet in the center at a two-story atrium constructed of glass and steel featuring extensive ceramic tile work that is continued throughout the remainder of the building.

Old Redford Academy is a private charter school in the heart of Detroit with a K-12 curriculum. Their waiting list exceeds their enrollment. As a reflection of their success, they required a new building. The school was completed between the end of summer term and the beginning of fall.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 5 month construction time
- Two story glass & steel atrium
- Extensive ceramic tile work
- Recessed lockers
- Two stories
- Spacious classrooms
Old Redford Academy

KEY FACTS

PROJECT NAME
OLD REDFORD ACADEMY

LOCATION
DETROIT, MI

DEVELOPER
INNOVATIVE MODULAR SOLUTIONS
OF NAPERVILLE, IL

ARCHITECT
LEE STEVENS (AIA)
OF PORT HERON, MI

PROJECT TYPE
PERMANENT-TWO-STORIES
NON-COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS

BUILDING SIZE:
56,000 SQ. FT.