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.

**Charter School**

**Old Redford Academy**

**Project Duration**: 5 Months

**Partners**

- Innovative Modular Solutions
  - Naperville, IL
- Lee Stevens Architects
  - Port Huron, MI

**Specs**

- 56,000 Square Feet
- Two-Stories
- Non-Combustible Materials
THERE NEED

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.

OUR SOLUTION

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.

The school required the latest in educational amenities as well, so we included spacious classrooms and recessed lockers. The new construction spans 56,000 square feet and connects to the existing cafeteria.

*Whitley delivered the project in time for fall classes (five months construction time).*