

Dr. Charles Drew Elementary School



This DCPS Phase 1 Summer Modernization presented the challenge of designing and coordinating a multi-million dollar scope of work under very tight deadlines, while engaging the school community in numerous presentations and incorporating feedback from multiple stakeholders. Fast-track design/build construction was the best way to then implement the designs while hewing to an 8 week construction schedule, with the firmest of deadlines.

On all counts, this project was an overwhelming success. Much loved by the local community, it has helped bring new life to a school building neglected for decades. Modern, highly durable finishes, bright, inviting spaces and new energy-efficient windows will help Drew age well over the coming decades.

Project Data

Project Type: Phase I Modernization (Renovation)

Size: 72,000 sf

Construction Cost: \$6.1 million

Completed: August 2010

Client: District of Columbia Public Schools / DGS

General Contractor: Dustin/Winmar (JV)

This project led by Studio Laan principal Philip Anderson while employed by Sorg Architects.

