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OAK CREEK-FRANKLIN JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALLY OPENS NEW EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEW ENERGY EFFICIENT SCHOOL WILL BETTER SERVE STUDENTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

MILWAUKEE — The Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District will officially open the doors to its newly constructed East Middle School on Sept. 6, 2008 during an open house for students, parents, staff and the general public. A dedication ceremony for the school will be held at 9 a.m. and tours of the building will follow until 12 p.m.

The new school, designed by Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA), replaces the former East Middle School which no longer met the needs of students in the district. The building was developed to accommodate 1,000 students in grades 6-8 as well as the district's entire cognitive disability program. Additional features of the new middle school include educational houses, encore areas, an auxiliary gym, IMC and an 800-seat gymnasium.

EUA designed the building using several sustainable elements that the firm incorporated into the district's Deerfield Elementary School, which currently performs 38 percent more efficiently than the national average for K-12 buildings. Some of the energy efficient techniques that were implemented into the new East Middle School include:

- Retention ponds for storm water quality and quantity control
- Outdoor classroom areas for science studies
- Sensors in all regularly occupied rooms to control light fixtures, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
- Heat recovery units that reclaim energy from exhaust air
- High performance glass that allows daylight and reduces glare
- Efficient direct / indirect pendant light fixtures that produce more comfortable light levels than standard light fixtures
- Natural Daylighting in all regularly occupied areas of instruction
- Low flow sensors on all plumbing fixtures
- Waterless urinals
- Carpet in the offices and multipurpose spaces is made of recycled materials
- Low VOC paint

These strategies were not only designed to preserve energy and save taxpayers' money, but they also will teach students about the importance of energy efficiency and potentially inspire other districts to introduce similar concepts.

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