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HESS Announces Completion of \$12M Belle Grove Elementary School Modernization

Gaithersburg, Maryland - **HESS CONSTRUCTION + ENGINEERING SERVICES** announces completion of Belle Grove Elementary School in Brooklyn Park, Maryland. HESS was selected by Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) to manage construction of the \$12 million modernization project.

Construction activities for Belle Grove Elementary School kicked off in June 2010 and included a complete renovation of the existing building and construction of two additions totaling 31,000 square-feet. Originally built in 1952, the building's interior was completely demolished to the existing structure to accommodate new programming spaces and updated mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems.

The newly modernized Belle Grove Elementary School boasts classrooms equipped with Smart Boards, a computer lab and media center, an extended full-size gymnasium with rock-climbing wall, art and science suites, library, music room, and cafeteria that serves as a multi-purpose room with stage area.

Belle Grove Elementary School was designed by GWWO Architects.

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