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HESS Announces Completion of \$20M LEED Gold Cannon Road Elementary School

Gaithersburg, Maryland - **HESS CONSTRUCTION + ENGINEERING SERVICES** announces completion of Cannon Road Elementary School in Silver Spring, Maryland. HESS was selected by Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to manage construction of the \$20 million replacement school project.

Modernization of Cannon Road Elementary School began with the demolition of the building's original 1960s structure. Construction activities for the new school kicked off in October of 2010. The new, two-story, 88,000 square-foot school is comprised of 28 classrooms equipped with Smart Boards, a gymnasium, music and arts rooms, library, computer lab, and cafeteria that serves as a multi-purpose room with stage area.

The new Cannon Road Elementary School was designed by Delmar Architects to achieve LEED Gold certification in accordance with the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED for Schools rating system criteria. Energy-saving features can be found throughout the design. They include a geothermal well HVAC system, green roof, water conserving plumbing fixtures, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) approved materials, and materials that emit lower volatile organic compounds. Further supporting the effort to achieve gold certification, HESS successfully diverted 90 percent of the construction waste from the landfill through recycling and reuse.

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