

George Washington School No. 1

Primary Service: Architecture
Type: Educational
Owner/Client: Elizabeth B.O.E.
Location: Elizabeth, New York
Cost: \$1,300,000
Square Footage: 3,700 sf
Completion Date: September 2000
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PROJECT #2.2389.30



New Serving Area



New Cafeteria

Project Scope:

George Washington School No. 1 is an elementary school in Elizabeth, New Jersey, with an enrollment of approximately 1,200 students in Pre-K through Grade 5. The existing kitchen and cafeteria encompassed 5,400 SF. As such, lunch consisted of four separate periods, burdening the facility and personnel. The Elizabeth Board of Education retained the services of LAN Associates to design a 3,700 SF addition to effectively reduce the number of lunch periods from four to two.

While the exterior of the addition may be boxy, to blend into the school's original design, the interior design offers an aesthetic that mimics the natural environment. Interior finishes were carefully selected to transport the occupant outdoors. An existing exterior wall was kept to emulate a building facade. Faux windows were introduced along the masonry wall. Steel columns were finished with a circular, glazed column wrap to resemble a tree with branches. The ceiling is composed of floating acoustical clouds suspended from the structural deck above. The underside of the roof decking, structural joists, mechanical ductwork and electrical conduits were painted blue and remained exposed to create a sky. Indirect lighting bouncing off the blue deck and yellow walls further enhance this imaginative environment.

Services Performed:

- Architectural Design & Documentation
- Structural, Mechanical & Electrical Engineering
- Construction Administration & Observation

Program Highlights:

- 3,700 SF Addition
- Published in 2001 - *Learning by Design*



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