# 2012 Exhibition of School Planning and Architecture

### Carroll Middle School

Southlake, Texas
New Construction
Project of Distinction Award
Natex Architects



#### **Carroll Middle School - Plaza**

#### **Community Environment:**

The new Carroll Middle School was designed as a community friendly facility that allows for an easy and controlled interaction of students, parents and visitors.

Clearly defined circulations permit a simple reading of the adjacent spaces and organizes the flow and it also facilitates the control by the staff personnel.

After hour spaces, such the Cafeteria /Stage and Library, bring the community, neighbors, students and faculty members of the school close together creating a sense of a big family that helps to build a solid relationship that benefits all.



## Carroll Middle School – Learning Spaces

#### **Learning Environment:**

The campus has also been designed with state of the art teaching tools in every classroom and the flexibility of the structure of the building to evolve with the educational requirements of the future. The design has maximized the usage of every space. One example of this is the design of the stage off of the drama classroom which allows the stage to function as the black box for drama class.



#### **Physical Environment:**

The new high performance Carroll Middle School in Southlake, Texas has excited Carroll ISD taxpayers, faculty, staff and students with the design allowing for logical and functional applications of sustainable features. They all enjoy the spaces in and around the building as the natural daylight cast its glow throughout the building.



#### **Physical Environment:**

This campus has a 460KW Solar Array which came to the school district through grants. The project also utilizes LED lighting, daylight harvesting and Geothermal HVAC. This design is indicating so far a reduction of energy consumption of approximately 70-85%, which is critical with school district budget requirements.



#### **Planning Process:**

Communication was the key during the planning process not only at the beginning phase but during the design phase as well. Local government, community, school staff and students played an important role to achieve a great design.

Due to time constraints the construction of the site started before the final building design was finished. This helped to meet the district requirement for completion time.

The composition of each elevation is unique based on the exterior site conditions and room function, but nonetheless very harmonious in its whole. The cafetorium and media center/library are placed on the north elevation to allow plenty of natural daylight through large glazing systems. Windows facing south are managed with large over hangs or louvers.



## Exhibition of School Planning and Architecture Project Data

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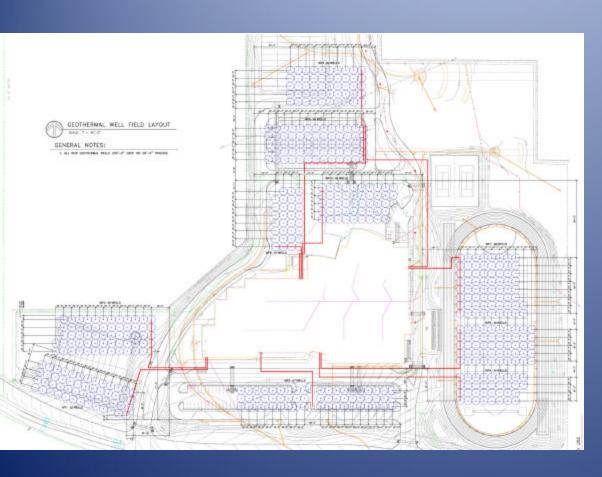
## Exhibition of School Planning and Architecture Project Details

Project Name	New Carroll Middle School
City	Southlake
State	TX
District Name	Carroll Independent School District
Supt/President	David Faltys
Occupancy Date	August 2011
Grades Housed	7 & 8
Capacity(Students)	750
Site Size (acres)	24.6 Acres
Gross Area (sq. ft.)	167,000
Per Occupant(pupil)	223 sf/student
gross/net please indicate	
Design and Build?	No
If yes, Total Cost:	
Includes:	
If no,	
Site Development:	\$3,500,000
Building Construction:	\$30,500,000
Fixed Equipment:	
Other:	
Total:	\$34,000,000



The design and features of the school create a place where learning becomes an exciting experience. The site has plenty of covered outdoor spaces and nature areas to encourage outdoor learning.





The geothermal wells for HVAC encompasses the majority of the site utilizing space underneath parking lots and athletic fields.

The campus has also included in the design a water well system for irrigation requirements of the athletic features of the site.

