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### **“P&C Helps Build Beaverton Public Schools”**

*P&C Construction brings new life to 1937 building, one of eleven projects it has completed as part of a \$195 million capital construction bond measure designed to alleviate overcrowding in the growing district.*

BEAVERTON, OR, November 9, 2009—Emily Ramberg, who teaches marketing and business at Beaverton High School, has to be 'on the move' as she teaches in four different classrooms. The lack of space means she pushes her supplies in a cart or has to carry them to four different classrooms every day. Next September, she'll no longer be homeless as P&C Construction will have completed construction on a new annex that will serve 600 students in a total renovation of a 1937 grade school.

P&C was chosen as the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) to manage the renovation of the historic wood frame and brick veneer building, adjacent to the existing Beaverton High school, fronting Farmington Road. The Merle Davies Elementary School, served as an annex for the high school until seismic problems, a leaky roof, and poor air quality forced its closure in 2006. Since that time, five modular buildings have served as temporary classrooms during construction.

The design team, led by LSW Architects, a specialist in school design, worked to preserve the character of the large, wood windows and brick veneer while creating a more dynamic, collaborative space that reflects how teachers work together to integrate curriculum. From the outside, the one-story building appears much the same, with the addition of a new roof, energy efficient windows, irrigation and landscaping.

It's inside that students and teachers will see the difference: New mechanical and electrical systems will make it more comfortable, brighter, and energy efficient (the old building didn't even have air conditioning). The former office area has been turned into a state-of-the-art United Nations style room with twin projectors and screens for international studies and multimedia presentations. Floorboards from the old gym will be refinished but the space has been transformed into a large lecture room, three classrooms and a room for film production and editing.

The building reflects the district's focus on integrating technology into the classroom. In addition to providing wireless access for laptops, students can study computer animation, programming, and even witness live surgeries

through video streaming. Carl Grossman, project manager for P&C, recently toured the construction site with his high school-aged sons. “They were really impressed with what goes on to bring a project like this together. There’s a lot that people don’t see.”

“The new Merle Davies building will give many of our teachers a home and a real sense of place for collaborative education,” says Ronda Haun, assistant principal for the high school.

### **Big Output, Tight Timeline**

The Merle Davies project is just one of 59 projects made possible by a \$195 million Capital Construction Bond measure passed in November 2006. The bond is helping the district relieve overcrowding through several new projects, while making necessary improvements on many other schools. In addition to Merle Davies, P&C managed 10 other K-12 school projects, for a total of \$31 million. During summer of 2008, P&C had four months to complete \$16 million of work at seven different school sites before school began. “P&C excelled at managing a very large amount of work on an exceptionally tight schedule. Their commitment, professionalism, and overall performance exceeded our expectations,” says John Hartsock, project manager for Beaverton Schools Facilities. “On top of it, there was not a single claim or dispute” adds Hartsock.

### **About P&C**

P&C Construction Company is a third-generation, locally owned and operated commercial construction company, serving the area since 1961. As one of the top ten contractors in the area, over 95% of P&C projects result from a CM/GC or negotiated-contract process. The firm has completed over thirty (30) K-12 school projects throughout the state. P&C is best known for historic renovation of such landmarks as Montgomery Park, the Simon Benson House, Albers Mill, and the Governor Hotel as well as capital projects for Kaiser Permanente and Providence.

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