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**Hillside Elementary School Featured in Architectural Portfolio  
Honoring Education Design Excellence**

Minneapolis, MN – February 1, 2010 – ATS&R Planners/ Architects/ Engineers announces that Hillside Elementary School at the School District of New Richmond, Wisconsin was selected for publication in Penton Media's *American School & University 2009 Architectural Portfolio*. The project was featured in the November 2009 edition of the magazine and on the web at [www.schooldesigns.com](http://www.schooldesigns.com). An annual competition honoring design excellence, the Architectural Portfolio spotlights projects representing some of the most effective learning environments in America.



A jury of American Institute of Architects Committee on Architecture for Education members and education administrators evaluated submissions from architectural firms, schools, and universities across the country. The jury considered the following specific criteria to make its selections: designs should meet stated goals; design should enhance learning by inspiring creativity, fostering and promotion collaboration, and integrating curriculum; designs should be functional, considering flexibility, community use, security, community, technology, social spaces and outdoor connectivity; and designs should be sustainable.

Designed for "Green Construction," the 85,750 square foot school incorporates many features and elements that lead to sustainability in design. To ensure the new school would have a small carbon footprint, ATS&R and the School District of New Richmond worked together to set and evaluate energy performance goals. The building is expected to use 47% less energy and produce 47% fewer carbon emissions than an average building of similar type.

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