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Architectural Projects Earns State Awards

November 16, 2020 – Two architectural projects are being recognized in the 2020 Virginia School Boards Association’s *Exhibition of School Architecture*. Winning projects were selected from six entries submitted by five architectural firms in the areas of new construction, renovation, and adaptive use of existing space. The following designs and firms will be recognized at the opening general session of the VSBA Annual Convention being held Virtually from November 18-20, 2020.

AWARD: Platinum Design Award
FIRM: VMDO Architects
PROJECT: William Monroe Middle and High Schools
DIVISION: Greene County Public Schools

AWARD: Honorable Mention
FIRM: Grimm + Parker Architects
PROJECT: Anne E. Moncure Elementary School
DIVISION: Stafford County Public Schools

Bryce Powell, Senior Associate at VMDO who served as the Project Manager for the Renovations and additions to William Monroe Middle and High Schools when asked about receiving this award said “We are excited to celebrate the recent transformation of the Standardsville Campus with Greene County Public Schools! The focused renovations have enhanced student and staff life and the ability to innovate and collaborate inside the school, while creating more views and physical connections to the site for learning, gathering, and the community. What started as a middle and high school renovation project turned into one that benefited the full community!” To view the acceptance from the Greene County Board visit <https://www.vmdo.com/william-monroe-middle-and-high-school-modernization.html>.

Paul Klee, Principal at Grimm + Parker had this to say about the project “The new 107,000 sf, 986 student Anne E. Moncure Elementary School embraces Stafford County Public Schools’ (SCPS) pedagogical initiative where next-generation learning spaces facilitate learner-centered, student-driven, real-world, and collaborative project-based learning. These environments promote SCPS C5W All Century Learning Revolution by focusing on the whole person and where students are empowered and inspired to embrace Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Creativity, Citizenship, and Wellness. The design of the building is inspired from the natural, forested surroundings of the site. A variety of outdoor learning areas also provide students a place to get their hands dirty with authentic learning.” To view the project website visit <https://www.grimmandparker.com/our-projects/project/moncure-elementary-school/>.

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About the Virginia School Boards Association

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