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2 Architectural Projects Earn State Awards

November 17, 2021 – Two architectural projects are being recognized in the Annual 2021 Virginia School Boards Association’s *Exhibition of School Architecture*. Winning projects were selected firms in the areas of new construction, renovation and adaptive use of existing space. The following designs and firms will be recognized at the first general session of the VSBA Annual Convention being held in Williamsburg, VA from November 17-19, 2021.

AWARD: Platinum Design Award, New Construction Category

FIRM: VMDO Architects

PROJECT: Alice West Fleet Elementary School

DIVISION: Arlington County Public Schools

AWARD: Platinum Design Award, Renovations/Expansions Category

FIRM: Quinn Evans

PROJECT: Dorothy Hamm Middle School

DIVISION: Arlington County Public Schools

Wyck Knox, VMDO Principal and Principal-in Charge of Fleet Elementary School when asked about receiving this award said “Having delivered a Net-Zero energy school with Arlington’s Discovery Elementary, the team enhanced a proven approach when it came to Alice West Fleet Elementary. With commitment, creativity, and ingenuity, we knew we could deliver another high-performing school with the available budget and resources. It is the next step in our path forward.”

Ellen Smith, Principal, Dorothy Hamm Middle School when asked about receiving this award said “Everything in the building can be a learning experience. Walking down the hallways the kids can see signs talking about sustainability or how the building was designed and why it was designed this way. That’s really an important and enriching experience for kids and for teachers to use in their teaching tool kit”

About the Virginia School Boards Association

The Virginia School Boards Association, a voluntary, nonpartisan organization of Virginia school boards, promotes excellence in public education through advocacy, training and services. The Association offers conferences, information, training, and counseling designed to meet the needs of the Commonwealth’s educational leaders.

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