

Elmhurst CUSD 205 Lincoln Elementary School

Elmhurst, Illinois



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ICI began our construction partnership with Elmhurst CUSD 205 in 2017, one year prior to the District passing a multi-year Master Facility Plan referendum. Following an extensive District-wide preconstruction effort where ICI developed a budget for the \$168.5 million referendum, ICI presented CUSD 205 with various renovation, expansion, and new construction options for all schools within the District. Lincoln Elementary School was among those evaluated and the District opted to replace the existing 100+ year old school.

ICI is serving as construction manager for the 79,380 square foot, two-level 21st century learning environment. Demolition of the existing school will take place this June. The new school will be built on the same site is targeted for completion at the start of the 2022 school year. Students will be temporarily displaced to other schools within the District during this period. Construction of the new school presents several logistical challenges. The site is positioned within the heart of the community and is surrounded on all four sides with two-lane streets and residential homes. [CONT'D]

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[CONT'D] The new school incorporates the latest in education design: a large gathering / presentation stair element, individual break-out rooms, outdoor instruction and play environments, and secured main entrances with a dedicated administration wing, to name a few.

The building is organized into three distinct sections. The media center and dining commons will occupy the heart of the school and serve as the connective backbone between all program spaces. An ample amount of daylight will penetrate these areas. Enrichment studios for the sciences and arts will be positioned adjacent to these larger areas to take advantage of and share common resources. Grade level "neighborhoods" will be placed on two floors and configured to create their own identity within the context of the facility. Additionally, LEED Silver is being pursued for the new building. A number of sustainable initiatives are incorporated into the building: green roof area, permeable paver systems, and low-emitting construction materials.