Francis T. Bresnahan Elementary School
Newburyport, Massachusetts

Project Description
The Francis T. Bresnahan Elementary School is a "model" project based off East Fairhaven Elementary School, also designed by HMFH Architects. The new facility combines two preexisting Newburyport schools into one, including a PK-K and grades 1-3 school. The Bresnahan School was designed to meet the needs of the entire community, not just elementary students. Newburyport’s senior center is now housed in the same building, promoting community integration into the new school. Furthermore, exterior materials used for the school closely resemble those found throughout the Newburyport Community.

High Performance Features
• Views to Outside
• High-Quality Acoustics
• Operable Windows and Temperature Controls
• Low-Flow Plumbing Fixtures
• School and Community Recreation Space
• Smart Growth
• Reduced Building Footprint
• Natural Daylighting
• Existing Trees Saved
• Access to Public Transit
• Reflective Roof Surface
• Recycling Program
• Recycled Content Building Materials
• Sustainably-Harvested Wood
• Building Materials Sourced Regionally
• Native, Drought-Resistant Plants
• Energy-Efficient Building Systems

General Information
Location: 333 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950
Value: $28 Million
Scope: 112,000 ft2
Completion: 2014
Enrollment: 760
Certification: MA-CHPS Verified Leader

Top / Bottom Left: Innovative Model: The school connected with the local business community to help fund part of the project, strengthening the bond between the entire community and the school while also providing financial support.
Bottom Right: School as a Teaching Tool: Signage can be found throughout Bresnahan Elementary to illustrate the healthy, efficient, sustainable features of the school to students and the community.

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