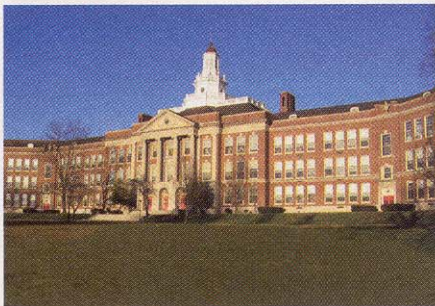


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P.S. duPont Elementary School Wilmington

DELAWARE TOP PROJECTS

COST: \$44 MILLION



The 72-year-old P.S. duPont Elementary School in Wilmington, Del., will receive new mechanical and electrical systems and an updated natatorium during a \$44 million renovation.

Bancroft Construction Co. of Wilmington, Del., began working on the phased project in June 2006. The Colonial revival-style building will receive new energy-efficient air handlers and exhaust fans and a floor-piping system with hot and chilled water.

The work also includes restoration of existing intricate millwork and new windows, lighting fixtures, gymnasium flooring, signage and fencing.

The school's main building systems have not been upgraded since its design

Key Players:

Owner: Brandywine County School District, Wilmington, Del.

Construction Manager: Bancroft Construction Co., Wilmington

Architect: ABHA Architects, Wilmington

and construction in 1935. It currently heats using a gravity system.

Crews began removing the existing boilers as soon as the weather warmed up. Until school let out in June, most work in the school took place at night. Contractors were able to work on the pool during the spring term. Bancroft planned on switching to extended daytime hours once students were out of the building.

The project will maintain the building's historical integrity. Construction will wrap up in June 2008.