



INSTRUCTIONAL SPACE ADDITIONS/RENOVATIONS

Wilson, New York

Owner / Client: Wilson Central School District

Area: 35,000 square feet

Cost: \$ 4.0 million

Wilson Central School District contacted TRM in 1999 to assist them in multiple additions and renovations scheduled as part of a 3-year master plan program to upgrade and improve the district's schools. The itinerary included new classroom additions, industrial arts suite, fire/life safety and MEP upgrades, as well as masonry restoration, and existing classroom renovations.

TRM understands that children respond differently to various classroom settings and that is why it was a major goal in this recent WCS improvement campaign was to ensure that its students were stimulated in a positive way.

Classroom design features included the following:

- **Safety:** A classroom that that minimizes the risk of accidents is essential for the safety of students.
- **Comfort:** Comfortable seating and work spaces allow the teacher to expand the learning area and become more creative in his or her approach to teaching. It also gives students more flexibility around the room and a higher level of comfort.
- **Lighting:** Natural light combined with artificial light can brighten a room and stimulate the teachers and students whereas windowless classrooms can make students feel tense and cause eye strain.
- **Decor:** Having attractive colors, textures, and patterns on floors and walls is a design element that impacts student learning and achievement.
- **Acoustics:** A quiet environment with good acoustics helps students concentrate on what they are learning. Teachers and students can be distracted if too much noise filters into the classroom via the hallway or other rooms.

TRM worked closely with administrators, teachers, and parents to ensure the changes met the needs of the growing school district.



“I have worked with other architectural firms; however, none have shown the dedication, consistency, and professionalism provided by TRM.”
Daniel T. Connor
Past Superintendent of Schools, Wilson Central School District

