

# Dover-Eyota Public Schools



**Referendum: May 2014**  
**Design: May – January 2015**  
**Bid phase: February 2015**  
**Project started: April 2015**  
**Completed: January 2016**

## Project

19,092 ft.<sup>2</sup> addition    14,960 ft.<sup>2</sup> remodel

### AREAS

new kitchen, cafeteria, administrative offices, early childhood classrooms, storage; renovated art and music rooms

BUDGET	FINAL COST
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\$7.632 million	\$7.218 million
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## Addressing broader educational needs

The Dover-Eyota school district had an increased need for early childhood education and other areas, and its 90-year-old school building in Dover wasn't efficient to upgrade.

"Our goal was to address as many needs as possible in our renovations and new construction," explains Superintendent Bruce A. Klaehn, now retired, although he agreed to stay on throughout the district's renovation and new construction project. "R.A. Morton helped us prepare for the referendum, which passed with 65 percent approval."

## Ideas to solve challenges

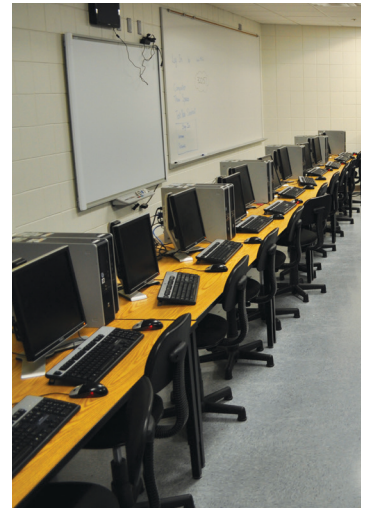
As R.A. Morton reviewed the budget established by the architect and completed estimates, it determined the project would exceed the budget due to added square footage. R.A. Morton suggested revising the amount of square footage of new construction and remodel to the amounts that were later proposed on the referendum.

“The R.A. Morton team brought us other ideas throughout the process, kept the project on track, and generated helpful reports along the way.”

— BRUCE A. KLAEHN  
Superintendent, Dover-Eyota School District

## R.A. Morton contributions

- Pre-Referendum Services
- Estimating
- Competitive Bid
- Value Engineering
- On-Site Construction Management – Full Time
- Project Management
- Project Cost Accounting
- Budget Management
- Schedule Management
- Project Closeout



## Handling all phases

The Dover-Eyota project included two phases and a broad range of renovations as well as new construction. “Our teachers, staff members, students and the community all favorably noticed the improvements throughout our facilities, and we were satisfied with how they handled the project,” Bruce says. “The project finished under budget and in time for classes to begin in January.”

From preschool education through high school graduation, students now have modernized facilities for the district's broad range of education and related services.

