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## **White Construction Group Completes Renovation and Rehabilitation at North High School**

*CASTLE ROCK, Colo., Feb. 21, 2007* – White Construction Group, a Colorado-based commercial general contractor, recently completed the exterior renovation and rehabilitation of Denver's historic North High School.

Located at Speer Boulevard and Federal Boulevard in Denver, this project was the first phase of the master plan for the renovation and rehabilitation of North High School. White Construction Group was the general contractor hired by Denver Public Schools for the exterior restoration of both the original 1911 building, the 1913 Annex addition, and a remodel of the 1983 cafeteria addition. Restoration activities included a combination of window rehabilitation and replacement, masonry and terra cotta restoration, metal cornice restoration and painting, and roof repairs.

The most significant piece of the project was the window replacement. In 1984 the original windows were replaced with inoperable, vandal proof glass covered with plastic glazing. Over the years the glazing yellowed which eliminated sunlight and visibility throughout the building. Now, the newly installed windows that are replications of the original historic windows, have clear glazing and allow the sun to come through. Studies have shown improvement in student achievement with natural sunlight. In addition to the curb appeal improvement to the exterior of the building, there is increased benefit of ventilation with the operable windows for a more comfortable environment for the students.

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Another portion of the project completed in this phase was the 1913 Annex. This renovation included the bridge to this building where the windows were boarded and broken. The bridge is now restored and is a prime example of its original architecture. Improvements to the annex and other interior portions of the school included the restoration of the original doors, changing countertops in labs to solid surfaces, and improvements to the interior windowsills as well as the exterior. Original wood doors were removed from the site, restored, reglazed, and reinstalled.

Humphries Poli Architects, Denver, Colo. was the architect for the exterior renovation of the school with Jane Crisler, LEED® Accredited Professional as the architectural project manager. Crisler is a nationally recognized historic preservation specialist and served more than ten years at the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP).

Klipp Architecture Planning Interiors, Denver, Colo. was the architect for the cafeteria remodel. The cafeteria is now equipped with handicap accessible ramps, new flooring, and a new storefront and serving area that is decorated with the Viking's colors of purple and gold. Existing block walls that limited light transmission and views were replaced with new railings. Additionally, gold colored acoustical panels were installed on the ceiling for sound absorption.

“Overall, the improvements will bring the school into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and add value to the neighborhood; but more importantly, the goal is to improve student achievement and pride in their school,” said Denver Public School project manager, Miguel Lander.

The White Construction Group team included project manager, Karen Poole, project superintendent Mike Garecht and project coordinator Michelle Anderson. Initially started in May 2006, this project was recently completed. The project is valued at \$4.5 million. Owner: Denver Public Schools

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### **About White Construction Group**

Founded in 1985, White Construction Group is a fast-growing, multi-million-dollar general contractor that specializes in commercial construction, design-build, historic restorations and tenant improvement projects. The company provides pre-construction, construction management, general construction and post-construction services for public and private clients along the Front Range, northern and northeastern Colorado. To date, the company has completed more than \$425 million in construction projects and has won several national awards for its job safety programs. White Construction Group can be reached at (303) 688-6924, or [www.whitecg.com](http://www.whitecg.com).

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