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EW Howell Construction Group Completes New Projects for Village Community School and Harlem Academy, Two Prominent Manhattan K-8 Private Schools

(Plainview, N.Y. – July 25, 2022) – [EW Howell Construction Group](#), one of the region’s leading builders, announces the completion of expansion and renovation work at two prominent private schools in Manhattan. The builder served as General Contractor for constructing a new, 30,000-SF home for [Harlem Academy](#) at 655 St. Nicholas Avenue and also led the expansion of [Village Community School](#) at 272 W. 10th Street.



EW Howell served as general contractor for the construction of a new, five-story, 30,000-SF permanent home for Harlem Academy. The school rented three storefronts for nearly 20 years and this new building at 655 St. Nicholas Avenue will serve as Harlem Academy’s permanent home for students and staff. EW Howell worked closely with architect Perkins Eastman on a fast-track schedule, nearly doubling the school's enrollment capacity to 240 people allowing for expanded, separate sections for kindergarten and grades 6-8 and featuring a new airy entry common, a café, a new library, and an outdoor play space.

“Harlem Academy was a unique project because of the size of the project site, which allowed for a brand-new building and a ground-level play yard, a rare opportunity we don’t often see for private schools in Manhattan,” said Dominic Paparo, a Vice President at EW Howell who oversaw the project. “Due to space constraints, a usual project in this market would consist of the renovation of an existing school building or an adaptive re-use of an existing property into a school building.”

EW Howell also served as construction manager for the addition and renovation of the Village Community School. Designed by Marvel Architects, the new, 30,000-SF, five-level expansion required deep site excavation to allow for a new gymnasium in the cellar. The expansion also features a new library, new classrooms, a rooftop play yard, and classrooms for specialized skills such as woodshop. A unique feature of the Village Community School project is a curtain wall connection between the existing school building and the new addition, which creates a showcase entrance.

Paparo added, “It was a unique situation that we could utilize Village Community School’s existing ground-level play yard, which sat adjacent to the existing school building, as the site for the new expansion. While each project presented challenges, the result is two amazing new spaces with many opportunities for students and faculty.”



As one of the New York region’s most respected builders for more than 131 years, EW Howell has also completed expansion and renovation work for several other prominent private schools in New York City, including The Dalton School, Brearley School, The Spence School, and The Hewitt School.

About EW Howell

Founded in 1891, EW Howell Construction Group is a leading New York-based General Construction and Construction Management firm with offices in Manhattan and Long Island. It provides construction services throughout the region to a diverse range of clients in the Retail, Education, Institutional, Arts & Cultural, Commercial, Laboratory, and Healthcare sectors. Dedicated to a “Build Simply” approach, the firm provides a simplified construction experience for its clients. EW Howell’s meticulous [pre-construction](#), [planning](#), and [project management](#), combined with collaborative client relationships and strong connections with the region’s top sub-contractors, ensure the delivery of world-class projects for its clients, as it has done for more than 131 years. For more information, visit www.ewhowell.com.

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