

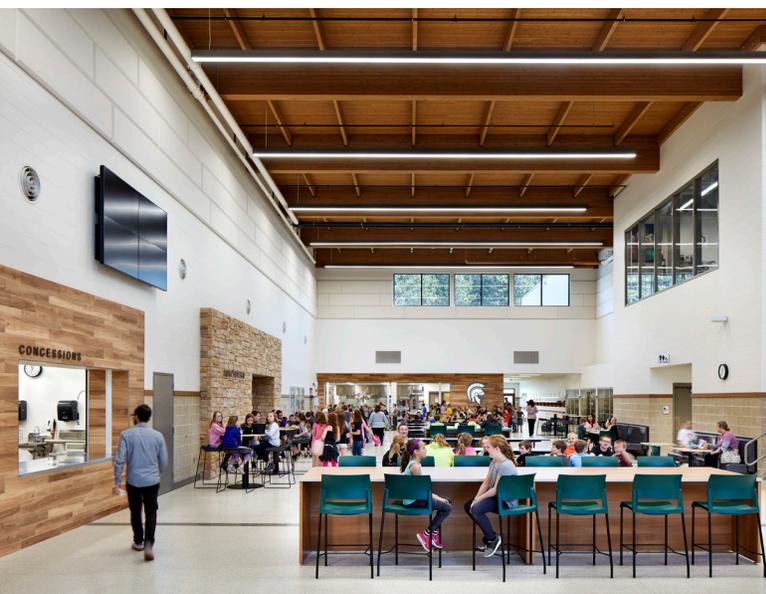
# BEYOND DESIGN

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## 'NEW LIFE' FOR RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

In 2007, flooding in the City of Rushford caused extensive damage to the public school. After extensive discussion regarding project scope and the mechanisms of funding, in 2015, Rushford-Peterson Schools passed a \$38 million referendum to replace the destroyed school with a new PreK-12 school. The school was built on a site already owned by the school district, adjacent to their athletic fields. Only nine of the 16 acres were suitable for construction, so design efficiency was essential.

An additional challenge was to design four distinct schools into one, compact 175,000 square foot building that consists of early childhood, elementary, middle and high school. It was therefore important to create functional common spaces that work for all age groups: the student dining commons, circulation, gymnasium, and auditorium. Building Zoning access was also implemented for common areas to be open for community and evening events while securing other parts of the school.

The continuous flow of large exterior windows create a continuous panoramic view of the natural landscaped beauty of the forest that surrounds the site. Windows also bring natural light into nearly every teaching station and central breakout/collaboration area. Natural materials including wood and local stone are incorporated in the design to create warmth and reflect the beauty of the region.



## FLEXIBILITY IS THE KEY

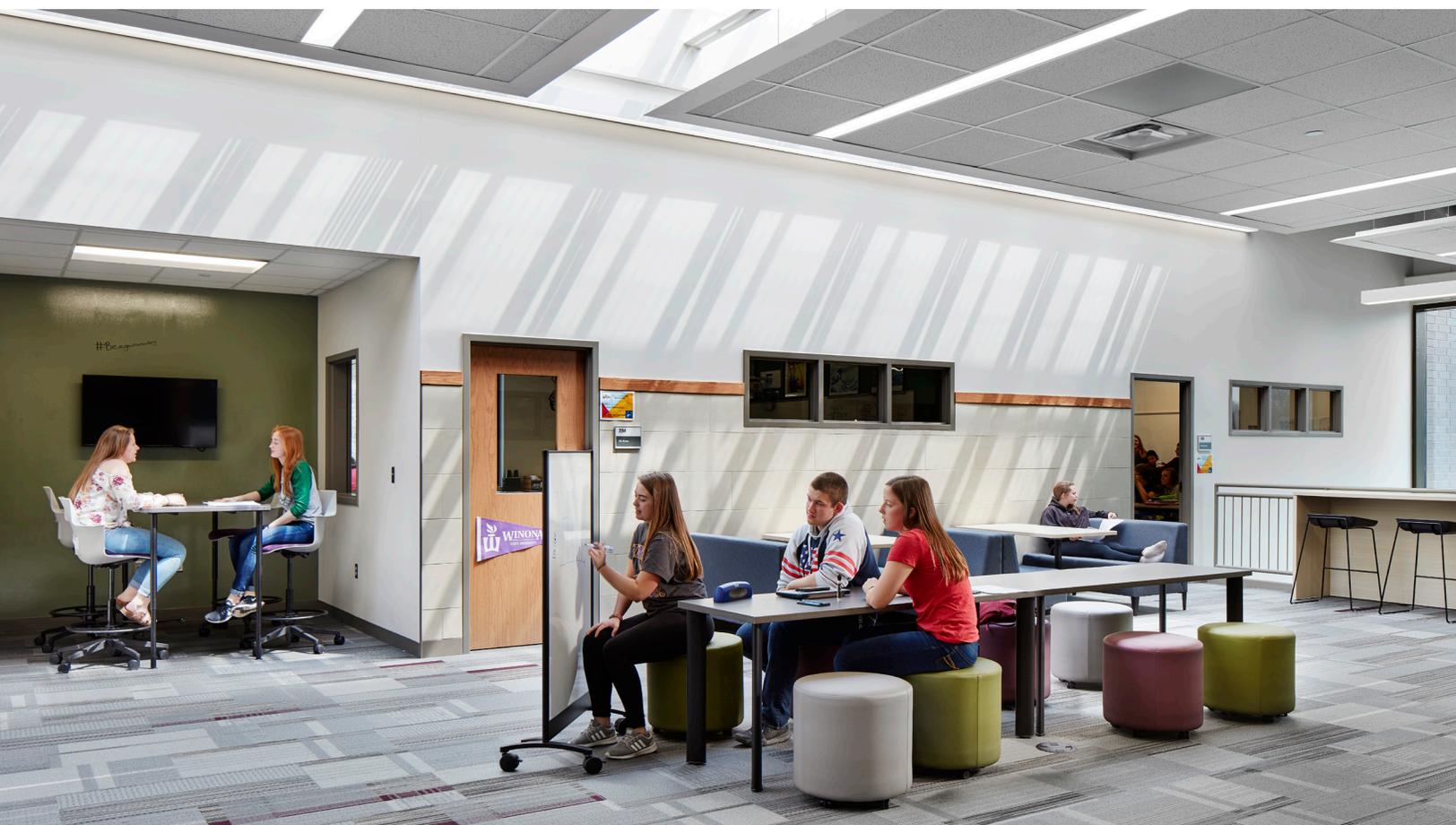
Flexibility is the key for creating learning environments that work for multiple age groups as well as each individual student. A variety of furniture is provided in and beyond the classroom to fit the unique learning needs of each student. Classrooms include movable tables and chairs of various heights and sizes. This flexibility also enables adaptability of spaces for many uses, as shown in the photos to the left.



Breakout spaces adjacent to classrooms provide a variety of different-sized spaces for various learning settings including large spaces for presentation and group work, and small niches and conference spaces for a quieter setting for individual and small group work. These spaces are utilized throughout the day by students and staff.

Common spaces have flexibility, offering each age level comfortable seating and space to dine, socialize and study.

This new PreK-12 public school brings 'new life' to the Rushford-Peterson area, providing a bright future for its students and community. It is truly a community center for all to learn and enjoy.





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## ATS&R ANNOUNCES NEW ASSOCIATE PARTNERS

Joe Anton and Sarah Fox have been promoted to Associate Partners at ATS&R. These dedicated members of the firm earned these promotions based on professional achievements, leadership and commitment to exceptional client service.



Joe joined ATS&R in 2005. He has a Master of Architecture from the University of Minnesota. Joe prepares the specifications for most projects and brings a thorough knowledge of materials, products, and standards expected in today's design and construction environment to our projects. His keen ability to analyze documents for systems and products in the design gives the project team the added quality control measures for document completeness.



Sarah joined ATS&R in 2012. She has a Master of Architecture from Syracuse University. Sarah works as a designer and project manager on a broad range of education project types and sizes including new facilities, complex additions/alterations designs, and master planning projects. Her creative design skills are shown in the design/planning process including design sketches, drafting, digital graphics, 3-D modeling, and documents coordination.

## BREAKING GROUND ON NEW SCHOOLS



Early this summer, ATS&R joined North Branch Area Public Schools for the groundbreaking of major construction projects at their High School. Congratulations, North Branch Public Schools!



ATS&R joined Anoka-Hennepin Public Schools for the groundbreaking for the New Blaine and Ramsey Elementary Schools. Congratulations!