



WALKER SCHOOL WINS DESIGN AWARD

What has been apparent to students, parents and staff since the new Walker School opened its doors in December 2005 has won acclaim from the Illinois Association of School Boards.

Walker's design has received an Honorable Mention Award from The Service Associates of the Illinois Association of School Boards. The award was presented to Community Consolidated School District 181 and the architectural firm of Healy, Bender and Associates.

David Healy of Healy, Bender and Associates presented the award to the district at the Jan. 16, 2007 Board of Education meeting. Walker School was one of approximately 30 projects submitted for judging, Mr. Healy explained.

Dr. Mary Curley thanked Principal Kim Petrasek, Buildings and Grounds Director Sue Kamuda and Prospect Project Manager Tom McNulty for their work on design, construction and completion of the facility.

President Louise Hillegass praised the architects and district officials for the collaborative effort that resulted in the winning design. While the district and the firm have won the award, the students are truly benefiting daily from the excellent design, she said.

"We are proud to be in a partnership with District 181," Mr. Healy said.

Healy, Bender and Associates of Naperville designed Prospect, Walker and the renovation and expansion projects at Monroe, Elm, Oak and Madison. All were funded by voter-approved referenda in 2002 and 2004.