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Skanska Completes Two New Elementary Schools in Hillsboro

As the Hillsboro School District rapidly grows, Skanska crews work quickly to finish two new buildings in time for the school year

BEAVERTON, Ore., June 18, 2008 – Skanska USA Building Inc. announced today that on July 25, 2008 it will have completed construction on two new elementary schools in the Hillsboro School District. From the start of the design phase to the end of construction, both Free Orchards and Quatama elementary schools were completed in only 19 months; a process which generally takes at least 24 months to complete.

In order for Skanska crews to complete both projects prior to the beginning of the school year, construction had to begin prior to the completion of the design process, which presents complex logistical challenges and requires a vast amount of coordination between the design team and construction crews.

“These new schools will suit the community and the district well,” said Todd Predmore, Project Manager for Skanska. “Maintaining an open line of communication with school administrators was a crucial component to keeping timelines on track and achieving the district’s goals.”

Each new school is roughly 72,000 square feet and cost approximately \$15 million. In order to increase student safety, public areas such as the gymnasium, library

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and cafeteria have been located in a separate wing from the 26 classrooms that accommodate 600 students in each school.

“Partnering with Skanska on this project was great all the way through it,” said Hillsboro School District Superintendent Jeremy Lyon. “They have delivered two very high-quality schools in a remarkably short period of time without compromising quality.”

Under normal circumstances, building two new elementary schools in one year presents an array of logistical challenges to overcome and there are almost always unforeseen issues that need to be addressed. During the construction of the Free Orchards school, Skanska crews found that the current storm water line was not large enough to accommodate the new building. Because the elementary school is located in a residential neighborhood, Skanska crews worked with homeowners and school officials to upgrade the storm water lines, which were located in the middle of the street and right next to phone, water, cable and sewer lines.

The unforeseen storm water pipe replacement required working with local residents to minimize service disruptions and added two extra weeks of delays to the project. Due to the diligent and open communication between contractors and school officials, Skanska crews were able to complete the project on time and on budget.

Skanska is the premier contractor in Oregon for education projects. In addition to the Hillsboro School District, it has completed projects for David Douglas School

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District, McMinnville School District, Oregon State University and Portland State University, to name a few.

Skanska USA Building Inc. is a leading national and local provider of construction, pre-construction consulting, general contracting and design-build services to a broad range of U.S. industries including life sciences, healthcare, education, high-tech, aviation, transportation and sports and entertainment. Skanska USA Building also provides pharmaceutical validation services to clients. The company, part of the Skanska AB global group of companies, is headquartered in Parsippany, New Jersey, and has approximately 4700 employees.

Skanska is one of the world's leading construction groups with expertise in construction, development of commercial and residential projects and public-private partnerships. The Group currently has 60,000 employees in selected home markets in Europe, in the U.S. and Latin America. Headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden and listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange, Skanska's sales in 2007 totaled \$20 billion.

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