

DMR Architects Provide Cost Saving Solutions to School Districts

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HASBROUCK HEIGHTS--DMR Architects, a leading full-service architectural firm dedicated to progressive, innovative, sustainable and high-quality design, recently attended the 2011 Workshop & Exhibition sponsored by the New Jersey School Board Association, the New Jersey Association of School Administrators and the New Jersey Association of School Business Official.

The three-day convention is considered one of the largest opportunities for New Jersey public school officials and the K-12 Education market.

This year, DMR Architects was a silver sponsor of the convention, which thousands of school officials attended. As part of the convention, senior staff members from DMR presented a 30-minute floor session. DMR staff including, Lloyd A. Rosenberg, AIA, President and CEO, Obi C. Agudosi, AIA, Senior Vice President/Principal, and Charles H. Sarlo, Esq., Vice President and General Counsel presented on the topic of Shared Services, a collaborative and cost savings approach for school districts considering new projects.

Their presentation, titled "Rethink, Redesign, Renovate," examined the timely topic of Shared Services. A delicate economy and a 2% budget cap cause many challenges for school districts considering architectural renovations and upgrades to their facilities. During their presentation, DMR Architects examined creative and cost-effective solutions for school districts facing these challenges. Throughout the presentation, attendees learned about creating successful partnerships between school districts and municipal governments to achieve cost savings. Attendees also learned of examples where DMR successfully transformed abandoned buildings into functional and impressive educational sites for the Lyndhurst Board of Education. Such projects included the Board of Education Offices and Township Youth Center, the Community pool at Lyndhurst High School and the Jefferson School Annex. In addition, attendees learned about how they can achieve additional cost savings through updated energy efficiencies.

The 2011 Workshop & Exhibition took place at the Atlantic City Convention Center in Atlantic City, October 25-26, 2011.