



Dr. John Grieco Elementary School

Englewood, New Jersey



RSC Architects

Design team:

John P. Capazzi, Principal; John Petrou, Project Architect; Alberto Abreus, Construction Administration

Client:

Englewood Board of Education; Richard Segall, Interim Superintendent

Capacity:

780

Area:

90,000 sq. ft.

Total cost:

\$18 million

Cost/square foot:

\$200

Completion:

December 2008

Photographer:

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Dr. John Grieco Elementary School is the first new school to open in the city of Englewood in more than half a century. Named for the late visionary educator and former superintendent, the 90,000-square-foot elementary school was part of a districtwide plan by the Englewood Board of Education to alleviate crowding throughout the district. The school, which has an operating capacity of 780 students, is home to children in the first, second and third grades.

The three-story, state-of-the-art facility houses 48 classrooms, art and music rooms, faculty lounges, a library/media center, gymnasium and a colorful cafeteria that doubles as a multi-purpose room. Ornate brick and masonry work adorns the exterior of the building, and an arched metal awning and two-story curtain of green

spandrel glass grace the front entranceway.

Once inside, visitors step into an open foyer and reception area flanked by administrative offices and an adjoining nurse's suite. Other design features include energy-efficient lighting, elevator access to the upper floors, tiles made from recycled materials, an outdoor playground and a landscaped courtyard with a sitting area. 