



10 Best Practices for School Construction Projects

- 1 Design a school on the assumption that rooms and spaces will be used for different purposes in the future, some of which may not even exist yet.
- 2 Design spaces to serve multiple purposes during the course of a school week.
- 3 Consider design-build firms or architects that have experience in the private sector as well as in public schools.
- 4 Appoint building oversight committees with seasoned professionals experienced in large-scale construction.
- 5 Hire an independent project manager and project finance manager.
- 6 Create an incentive such that unspent funds will be used for future projects.
- 7 Create a culture that rewards coming in under budget.
- 8 Keep the principal in the classroom, not on the worksite.
- 9 Remember that what happens in the classroom matters more than the physical classroom, and that every dollar spent on construction is one less dollar for instruction.
- 10 Never forget that \$1 million is still a lot of money, even if it is in the budget or subsidized by the state.