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New Chapman Middle School Wins National Design Award

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Mayor Robert Hedlund and Ted Langill, Chief of Staff and Chair of the School Building Committee are pleased to announce HMFH Architects, Inc. was awarded the Grand Prize in Learning by Design's Spring 2023 Educational Facilities Design Awards program for their design of the new Maria Weston Chapman Middle School. A national recognition, the award honors projects that incorporate next generation learning spaces and planning concepts.

Recognized by the judges for excellence in six categories including its organizational strategy, community-oriented spaces, and innovative approach to exploratory, team-based learning, the new Chapman Middle School is the culmination of a collaborative vision between the designers and community. According to the judges, Maria Weston Chapman Middle School has "a unique and exciting design for a middle school. Interior spaces are well programmed and organized to celebrate gathering in common areas while successfully separating different grade levels."

"The new Chapman Middle School is a transformative space for Weymouth students and educators, facilitating collaboration and multi-disciplinary approaches to learning and discovery," **said Chief of Staff and Chair of the School Building Committee Ted Langill.** "HMFH Architects were the perfect partners who brought the School Building Committee, School and Town Administration's vision and education plan to life, and I congratulate them on well-deserved recognition for the design of Chapman."

"We are incredibly proud HMFH Architects, Inc. has been awarded a Grand Prize award in the national Spring 2023 Educational Facilities Design Awards Showcase on behalf of the Maria Weston Chapman Middle School," **Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services and Support, Melanie Curtain, said.** "Chapman Middle School was exceptionally designed to facilitate versatile instruction and collaboration through inclusive, hands-on and interdisciplinary learning. The attention to detail that went into each lab space, gathering area, and exploratory has given every middle school student in Weymouth an equitable educational experience, and immeasurable opportunities."

Mayor Hedlund appointed Ted Langill to chair the School Building Committee in 2016 to oversee the \$164.2 million project which was completed in collaboration with the Weymouth Public School District, the community, and its partners. The new two-story innovative learning facility located at 1051 Commercial Street opened on-time with millions left in contingency funds, despite the heart of the project happening during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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