

Prep School Upgrades Completed

Norwell-based [Acella Construction Corp.](#) has completed renovations to the classrooms and mechanical systems at the Middle School of Thayer Academy, a co-educational college preparatory school for grades 6 through 12 located on a 34-acre campus in Braintree.

"The classroom renovations included the alteration of the art studio complete with new millwork and finishes," said Anthony Dirubbo, project manager at Acella Construction. "We created a new learning center in a previously unused space. In addition to the cosmetic upgrades, we layered the ceilings to increase the acoustical separation between floors."

Acella Construction also completed renovations to the middle school's mechanical systems. The existing steam/hot water system was removed and replaced with a new hot water boiler system. All of the existing steam systems were removed from the building and replaced with new unit ventilators with provisions for air conditioning that can be added at a later date. The new systems provide fresh air to all of the spaces, along with a new exhaust system to increase air changes to promote healthier air quality.

Steve Ceglarski of the Wyatt Group served as the project manager and owner's representative. Boston-based Eck MacNeely Architects was the project architect.