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RRMM Architects Win “People’s Choice Award” for Princess Anne Middle School Design

December 1, 2021 – RRMM Architects’ work on Princess Anne Middle School in Virginia Beach City Public Schools won the firm the “People’s Choice Award” at the 2021 Virginia School Boards Association’s *Exhibition of School Architecture*, which took place at the association’s Annual Convention.

“We are very proud of this honor. Princess Anne Middle School (PAMS) was built to be a LEED-certified building and is student centered in every way. There are multiple academic courtyards and STEM project spaces. It is sustainably designed and built, powered in part by solar energy and a geo-thermally driven HVAC system. This final product is a testament to our long-standing partnership with RRMM Architects and in particular Principal Architect Rob Berz. This “People’s Choice Award” affirms in our view the resolve of Virginia Beach City Public Schools to put students first when designing our buildings, in a financially and environmentally responsible way.” stated Carolyn Rye, chair of the Virginia Beach City School Board.

“Virginia Beach City Public Schools is a wonderful advocate for the creation of great learning spaces. The RRMM team has thoroughly enjoyed the close working relationship with so many staff, students and community members in the designing of Princess Anne Middle School. The People’s Choice is a fitting award!” stated Duane Harver, RRMM Architects.

The Annual Convention brought over 850 school board members, superintendents, division administrators, education officials, and others together from November 17-19 in Williamsburg, VA. Attendees had the opportunity to vote for their favorite of six design projects that were on display throughout the convention.

First Citizens Bank sponsored the *VSBA Exhibition of School Architecture*.

About the Virginia School Boards Association

The Virginia School Boards Association, a voluntary, nonpartisan organization of Virginia school boards, promotes excellence in public education through leadership, advocacy and services. The Association offers conferences, information, training, and counseling designed to meet the needs of the Commonwealth’s educational leaders.

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