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### Himmelman Completes Renovation of Louisville Middle School for Boulder Valley School District

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LAKEWOOD, Colorado -- Himmelman Construction, Inc. (Himmelman), a privately held commercial General Contractor headquartered in Lakewood, Colorado, announced today the completion of the renovation of Louisville Middle School, a public middle school with 620 students, grades 6-8, and under the jurisdiction of Boulder Valley School District (BVSD and the District). Located at 1341 Main Street in Louisville, this education project was designed by Denver-based Hord Coplan Macht Architects.

Valued at \$3 million, the exterior renovation of this project included an innovative open-air, outdoor classroom addition with a steel canopy and a secured gate totaling 900 square feet. The interior renovation included HVAC upgrades, new lighting, new exterior windows and doors, new classroom walls, new lockers and a full electrical upgrade. Overall green building practices are being applied to all BVSD projects with an overall goal to reduce energy use by 20 percent by 2020. Whether a new facility or an extensive renovation such as Louisville Middle School, decisions regarding products and building components are carefully scrutinized so that each school will be designed to meet these efficiency goals throughout the District.

"Boulder Valley School District is a valued repeat client and building for them has been a real pleasure in terms of their professionalism, responsiveness, ease of communication, and their promotion of a true collaborative team environment," said Josh Hill, Himmelman Senior Project Manager. "As one of Colorado's premier K-12 Construction Management / General Contracting firms, we feel honored to be associated with their capital improvement program and proudly support their passion for creating innovative learning environments," Hill concluded.

In a school district that serves over 30,000 students over 500 square miles in buildings constructed in nearly every decade of the last 120 years, this renovation is part of BVSD's *Building for Student Success Program* which includes \$642.5 million in funding for 63 targeted projects within the school district. Almost 72 percent of BVSD's buildings are more than 30 years old.

"As we fix and repair these aging facilities, we are also supporting and promoting a transition to more innovative teaching practices. Each school has received funding to renovate a portion of their school to support these new teaching methods, supported by a framework of ideas developed by the District titled *Innovation Guiding Principles*," said Susan Cousins, BVSD's Bond Communications Specialist. "As we move forward through this century, students need to develop new skills related to collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. The District is evolving their teaching methodology to encourage these types of skills. We are excited about the work that's being done at Louisville Middle School, knowing that it will enhance the learning environment for the students and extend the usable life of the building," Cousins added. For more information on BVSD's Bond Program, their *Innovation Guiding Principles*, and *Green Building Guiding Principles*, please visit [bond.bvsd.org](http://bond.bvsd.org).

Founded in 1955, Himmelman is a full-service construction management and general contracting firm, providing a wide range of preconstruction and construction services to owners and developers across the State of Colorado. For over 23 years Himmelman has been establishing a reputation of distinction in building properties for the PK-12 education, religious, municipal, and office markets. To view Himmelman's entire service offerings and award winning project portfolio, please visit [himmelmanconstruction.com](http://himmelmanconstruction.com).

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