



The construction and renovation of Boston Renaissance Charter Public School's new campus is the largest charter school project to be constructed in the Commonwealth to date. HMFH is designing a renovation of two buildings—a 70,000 sf historic heavy timber and masonry mill building built in 1889, and a 20,000 sf 1974 metal siding and concrete block warehouse building—as well as a 15,000 sf addition. These structures, housed on a 6-acre industrial site, will replace Boston Renaissance's existing building in Park Square.

Most of the classrooms will be placed in the 3-story mill building. The school is divided into three smaller schools: the Kinder School, which is for grades K1 and K2; the Primary School, for grades 1-3; and the Elementary School, for grades 4-5. Each of these smaller schools will be housed on a separate floor of the mill building. The warehouse building, which has high ceilings and wide column spacing, will contain large public and assembly spaces, including a gym, a cafeteria, a library, music classrooms, and dance studios. The new addition contains a new administration suite, support facilities, and some of the Kinder classrooms.

The school incorporates many green design measures, including use of natural daylighting with an automated dimming system that reduces use of artificial light when sufficient daylight is present, and will be LEED certifiable upon completion.