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President's Letter

Recently, on a couple of occasions, I have had the honor and pleasure of being asked to speak to groups of students about aspects of the construction industry. These brief visits have been a good reminder for me of the importance of giving our children the best education possible. I believe it is not only important that we convey certain knowledge on to these young people, but that we also get them excited and interested in learning, so that they will be lifelong learners.



Among the many factors impacting the quality of education are the facilities in which we teach our children. Providing a positive learning environment is a significant step in the process, and advances in technology and educational methods have created situations where many of our older schools are no longer adequate.

This is where we come in! We are pleased to make our mark on the future by building or renovating many school facilities today. We are building science labs where young minds will make new discoveries, classrooms with advanced technology so that teachers can make their lessons come to life, athletic facilities where new school records will be set, and performing arts areas where lifelong memories will be made.

We consider it a true privilege to have a part in making such a big difference in the lives of these young people and the devoted teachers, administrators, parents, and entire communities. We will all benefit from the investments being made in education, and we look forward to seeing future generations grow and thrive in the buildings we build.

Andy Martin

FH Martin Builds the Future with School Projects

FH Martin has been building and renovating school buildings for most of our 88-year history. Each project is unique, but the one common element is that we are creating better learning environments for the leaders of tomorrow.

One of **FH Martin's** earliest school projects dates back to 1939, when we built **Pierce Middle School** in the **Grosse Pointe Public School District**. We have been proud to build on that history with a number of recent projects for Grosse Pointe Schools, including:

- A historic restoration of the auditorium at Grosse Pointe South High School
- Construction of a new swimming pool, locker rooms and fitness facilities at Grosse Pointe North High School
- Additions to Grosse Pointe North High School totaling 64,500 square feet, for new science class rooms and labs and a new multi-purpose room for the performing arts curriculum.

In addition, we are currently working on an addition and renovation project for science classrooms/labs at **Brownell Middle School**, also part of the **Grosse Pointe Public School District**. The project began in May, and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2007. The fact that our relationship with this school district is still going strong after nearly 70 years is a testament to the quality work that we have done – and will continue to do – for them.

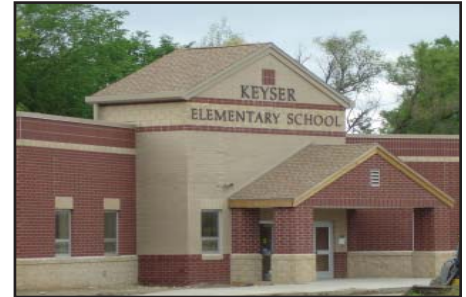
FH Martin's work with schools is not limited to one district, however. We also have completed major renovation and



In 2003, FH Martin demolished the existing pool at Grosse Pointe North High School, and constructed a new eight-lane competitive swimming pool and diving area. Ehresman Associates was the architect for the project, which also included an addition to the building for the bleachers and equipment room.

expansion projects at some local private and parochial schools, including **Conner Creek Academy** in Roseville and **Immaculate Conception School** in Anchorville; and we have more recently expanded our presence in this market to include construction of new schools in Toledo, Columbus and Newark, Ohio.

In the **Toledo Public School District**, **FH Martin** is currently the General Contractor for the construction of five new elementary schools. These buildings range from 45,000 SF to 53,000 SF. Two of the projects are nearing completion, and three are scheduled for completion in 2008. In many cases the new schools are being constructed on the property of an existing and operational school, requiring an unwavering commitment to the safety and security of the project site.



The 46,000 SF Keyser Elementary School, part of the Toledo Public School District, will be completed for the 2007-2008 school year. The project architect is Allied Toledo Architects.



This science classroom at Grosse Pointe North High School is part of a 64,500 SF addition completed by FH Martin in 2006. The architect for the project was Ehresman Associates.

PROJECT FEATURES

These before and after photos show the dramatic changes that took place at Fresh Farms.



FH Martin Puts New Face on a Grosse Pointe Tradition

Fresh Farms Market - or **Farms Market** as it is affectionately referred to in the Grosse Pointe community - has been in business for 68 years. Despite its small size, the store is a landmark in the community, nestled in a small commercial strip on Fisher Road. The store has always had a reputation for high quality and "old-fashioned" personal service. Owners **Larry & Steve Najjar** have maintained that reputation since buying the store 10 years ago, while slowly introducing more up to date features to the store's shoppers. After years of planning, the brothers decided it was time to completely overhaul the 6,000 SF store - to not only give it a fresh look, but also to make the space more functional. **FH Martin** was honored to play a major part in that transformation. **Tiseo Architects** was the project architect.

The renovation, which was finished in April, was completed in phases so that the store could be kept in operation throughout construction. This presented substantial challenges, as the entire infrastructure of the store had to be replaced. "The electrical and refrigeration systems had been patched together over the years, and it wasn't easy to keep some parts of the old store running, while installing completely new systems," said **FH Martin** Project Manager **Dean Handrow**. "It's such a small space to work in, and we needed to coordinate closely with the Owner to figure out how they could operate without interruption to their business, while we literally tore out and replaced everything except three outside walls and the roof." It was a challenge, but the results have been well worth the effort. The "new" store features:

- A completely new storefront and front façade.
- Acid-etched, stained exposed concrete floors.
- Food prep/cooking areas in customer view behind service cases.
- Built-in "brick" pizza oven.
- Exposed roof structure and exposed spiral ductwork and cable suspended lighting.

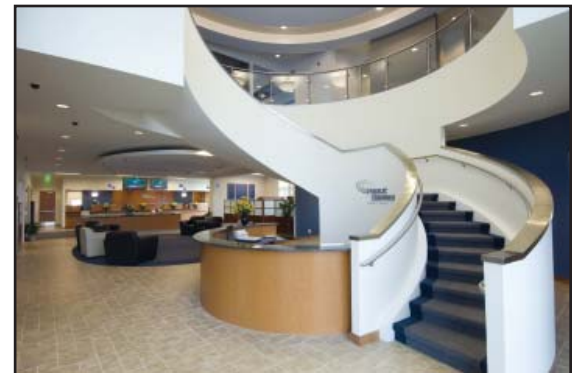
"I continue to receive many compliments about the 'new' store," says **FHM** President **Andy Martin**. "From the early planning through to completion, people in the area have been truly excited to see this transformation take place. They are happy to have the enhanced selection and greatly improved shopping environment, but I think they are also happy to see and support the success of this small independent store. In this day of self-service and huge warehouse stores, it's nice to see there's still a place for a store where they know your name."



Grand Opening

Public Service Credit Union Celebrates New Building

Public Service Credit Union (PSCU) held a Grand Opening Celebration & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at their new headquarters and Romulus branch on March 7. The event drew a great crowd of **PSCU** employees, Board members, customers and members of the Romulus community, not to mention representatives from **FH Martin**, **Landry + Newman Architecture** and **Plante & Moran CRESA**.



"If I ever build another facility, I will not hesitate to call FH Martin," said PSCU President Dean Trudeau.



PSCU President **Dean Trudeau** had lots of kind words to say about **FH Martin** and the entire project team, and the **PSCU** staff is thrilled with their new 21,000 SF building, which features several amenities for members and employees. The first floor of the facility houses teller windows, a loan service department and a call center; the second floor is home to offices for the president and credit union officers, and a conference room; and the third floor features a training/multi-purpose room, a fitness room with shower facilities and an employee lounge with "alone time-out alcoves" for people to sit and read or just relax on their breaks. Other design features include a "spectacular" spiral staircase with a glass rail overlooking the first floor, and a two-story entry.

Congratulations to everybody at **Public Service Credit Union** on your beautiful new facility!



FHM Employees to Volunteer at Gleaners Community Food Bank

In September, **FH Martin** employees and family members will have the opportunity to volunteer for **Gleaners Community Food Bank** at the organization's **Warren Distribution Center**, located on Mound Road. **Gleaners** is the third-oldest food bank in the United States, and their mission is to turn surplus food, which would otherwise go to waste, into millions of meals for hungry people in Southeastern Michigan. **FH Martin** has significant ties to **Gleaners**, dating back at least to the early 1990s. We have completed several projects at the **Gleaners** main warehouse facility in Detroit, and we built the **Warren Distribution Center**, which is operated in cooperation with the **Salvation Army Warren Service Center** that we built in 2003.

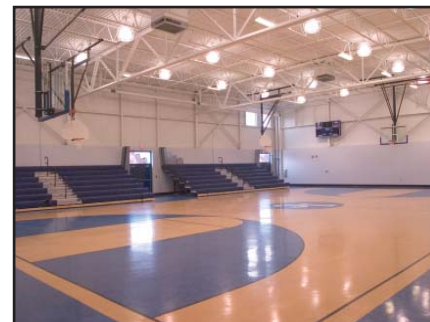
Prior to the September volunteer date, **FH Martin** employees will be collecting canned goods to donate to **Gleaners**. For more information about **Gleaners**, please visit www.gcfb.org.

School Work, continued from page 1

Two of our most recently awarded school projects are construction of the new 65,000 SF **Newton Elementary School**, part of the **North Folk Local School District** in Newark, Ohio; and construction of the new 140,000 SF **Downtown Alternative High School**, part of the **Columbus Public School District**.

"Building and renovating educational facilities is both demanding and rewarding," said **FH Martin** President **Andy Martin**. "The materials used and the quality of the workmanship must be first-rate, since these buildings are intended to last a long time. At the same time, limited budget dollars must be stretched as far as possible so more children can receive the benefits that a great space can provide."

For more information about **FH Martin's** school projects, please contact us or visit www.fhmartin.com.



FH Martin added a gymnasium to the existing school at **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Anchorville, Michigan**. **DeWulf & Associates of St. Clair Shores** was the architect for the project, which also included an addition to the church.

FH Martin & AGC Team Up to Provide OSHA Training

Beginning in April, **FH Martin** and **AGC of Michigan** began offering **30-Hour OSHA Training** to Superintendents and Project Managers, and other **AGC** members interested in attending the class. **AGC** Safety Director **Richard Mee** is teaching the class, with the assistance of several experts on various specialized topics. The class meets on Fridays in **FH Martin's** training room, and is divided into two groups which alternate weeks.

"**FH Martin** is again demonstrating our commitment to project safety through this rigorous and

thorough program," said **FH Martin** President **Andy Martin**, "as well as our continued emphasis on the education and training of our team members."

The two groups will complete their training in June.



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NEW PROJECTS



FH Martin is Excited About the Following New Projects

Chase Bank - Livonia, MI

Interior build-out of a **Chase** bank branch, located inside a **Kroger** store.

The Home Depot - South Elgin, IL

New construction of a 105,000 SF home improvement warehouse store.

Brownell Middle School - Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

Expansion and renovation of middle school science rooms and labs in the **Grosse Pointe Public School District**.

Downtown Alternative High School - Columbus, OH

New construction of a 140,000 SF high school in the **Columbus Public School District**.

Newton Elementary - Newark, OH

New construction of a 65,000 SF elementary school in the **North Fork Local School District**.

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union - Plymouth, MI

Design-Build of a new 4,500 SF credit union branch building.

Whittier Elementary - Toledo, OH

New construction of a 49,000 SF school in the **Toledo Public School District**.

Immanuel Lutheran Church - St. Clair, MI

Construction management for an addition and renovation project, featuring a new worship space.

Macomb Community College - Warren & Clinton Township, MI

Installation of mechanical systems and construction of computer equipment rooms on two campuses.

Detroit Medical Center - Birmingham, MI

Interior Design-Build Project for the **DMC's Birmingham Pediatric Clinic**.



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