



## Darlington Community School District

Darlington, Wisconsin



The Darlington Community School District selected Hoffman in August 2014 to develop a master plan for improving the Darlington High School/Middle School/Elementary School campus. Discussions included moving athletic fields, connecting the existing two school buildings, and identifying where the District could add space and programs. District and high school staff and community members listed the library/media/technology center; the buildings' infrastructure; the field house; and the athletic fields as critical components of the master plan. Having analyzed existing data provided by the District, conducted introductory meetings, interviewed staff and faculty, and performed community outreach via surveys, focus groups, and "town hall" meetings, Hoffman then developed preliminary space programming and priori-tized District and community needs.

While additional renovations are still ongoing, three primary projects have been completed. In 2017, the library media center was remodeled and repositioned to allow flexible, collaborative student use in a 21st century environment. Other areas upgraded were tech ed, the fabrication lab, and the art center. The following year a full renovation of the school's three science labs and support spaces was completed.

Concurrent with these design efforts, Hoffman assisted the District with the installation of their new Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System. With solar panels installed on the roof of the Darlington Elementary-Middle School, the District saw this effort as a way to gain energy savings, reduce their carbon footprint, and educate their students and community.

Once completed, the solar installment at Darlington was Wisconsin's largest solar array for a public school district. The installation was so successful that plans are underway to enlarge and expand the system.

**Scope**  
Renovation

**Area**  
Phase 1: 8,700 sq. ft.  
Phase 2: 4,300 sq. ft.

**Completion Date**  
In progress

