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Wausau Provides Windows and Curtainwall for Award-Winning National Teachers Academy

Wausau, Wis. – Wausau Window and Wall Systems® crafted a flexible window and curtainwall system for Chicago’s much heralded National Teachers Academy-Professional Development School.

The new, \$47 million educational facility is located on the city’s Near South Side, primarily serving children from the nearby public housing developments. Through partnerships with more than a dozen Chicago-area universities, the Academy also serves as a student-teacher training ground. Learning from the masters, these student-teachers are mentored by 36 experienced faculty members who have earned, or are working toward earning, their profession’s highest credential of National Board Certification.

Chicago city officials say this academic center is the first of its kind in the nation and view it as providing an anchor to attract additional development for the area. Mayor Richard M. Daley often highlighted the project as a success story in the making. In his words, “This academy will be for those who aspire to make a real difference in the world by applying their talents where they are most needed.”

Opened for the 2002-03 school year, the Academy also has been honored for its design and construction including as *American School & University’s* Outstanding Building in the Elementary Schools and as the Association of School Board Officials’ Excellence Award winner for Specialty Facilities.

Designed by architects DeStefano & Partners of Chicago, the campus is comprised of a four-story school and two-story community center, connected by a second floor pedestrian walkway. The school consists of 32 classrooms serving up to 850 pre-school through eighth grade students.

On the Academy’s exterior, the window system offers students and teachers natural light and inviting outside views. Working with general contractor Michuda, Wausau supplied its 3151 Series single-hung windows and SuperWall system. “These single hung windows carry an outstanding AAMA AW-75 rating, and are production-line tested to a 12 psf water test pressure. True single hung windows’ rigid ‘five member’ frame construction ensures squareness installation, resulting in ease of operation and better weatherability,” notes Wausau’s Chicagoland sales representative Patrick Duffy.

He adds, “This is a beautiful looking project.” City officials, neighborhood residents, students, teachers and visitors all seem to agree and continue to highlight the Academy as both a successful educational facility and a productive learning environment.

Nationally recognized for its innovative expertise, Wausau Window and Wall Systems is an industry leader in engineering window and curtainwall systems for commercial and institutional construction applications. For 50 years, Wausau has worked closely with architects, building owners and contractors to realize their vision for aesthetic beauty and lasting value, while striving to maintain the highest level of customer service, communication and overall satisfaction.

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