



10 Tips for a Successful School Project

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Does your community need a new or renovated school?

Here are ten tips to help get you to ribbon cutting



TIP 1

Line up options early

Funding applications and voter referendums take lead time.
Talk to other Maine professionals who've been through the process.



TIP 2

Study the roadmap

Understand Maine DOE's 21-Step Capital Improvement Process and local funding protocols in your district.



TIP 3

Choose a design team you like and trust

Select an experienced, full-service architecture & engineering team, one you feel comfortable with and confident in.



TIP 4

Set Clear Goals and Milestones

Define what success looks like from the beginning. Break down the project into achievable steps with clear milestones.



TIP 5

Visit other schools

There is no substitute for seeing design ideas in action.



TIP 6

Anticipate conflict

Change can be painful when schools are involved. Active listening and frequent communication help keep emotions in check.



TIP 7

Stay connected

Hold meetings in each community so everyone feels listened to.



TIP 8

Read all documents

Ask questions; seek clarity. Words and pictures turn into buildings.



TIP 9

Demand excellence

Expect team members to take ownership of their roles and honor their commitments.



TIP 10

Celebrate success

Your new school space will improve the lives of students and educators for generations. That's worth celebrating!



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