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## Hamstra Group Gets A+ for New Discovery Charter School Construction

Officials and staff at Discovery Charter gave The Hamstra Group top grades for its construction of a new facility for the school.

After initial contact in December 2015, a contract was in place by January 2016, with construction completion set for the end of the school's Christmas break in January 2017. But Hamstra's team "got its book report in early" so to speak. The new Discovery Charter facility was able to open early to students and staff in November 2016.

Located in Porter, Indiana, Discovery Charter currently serves 518 students. A growing school, it needed more room, as well as upgrades to existing spaces. The project called for additional classrooms, a brand new gymnasium (the school had been without one prior to this project), a new kitchen, and other amenities. The expansive gym does double duty as a lunch room.



*Open spaces and bright colors make the school cheerful and welcoming.*

Pruden pre-engineered steel building with colored standing seam roof, cultured stone wainscot, and a chair lift to accommodate the different floor heights from the new building to the old building. The parking lot was also expanded.

"We were very impressed with The Hamstra Group's enthusiasm and efficiency," said Ernesto Martinez, the school's principal. "The team work was amazing and we really felt like the company cared about our needs."

Team work is a key component of Hamstra's approach to every project, according to project manager Curt Albertson.



"When we take on a project, we try to exceed expectations," Albertson explained. "Our Hamstra team had an exceptional crew on this job (see the list of team members on page 4) that wanted to make sure students, staff, and management would love the new facilities."

The Hamstra Group did its homework on this project—and then, to the delight of all involved—handed it in early.



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*(Left) The large gymnasium doubles as a lunchroom for the students at Discovery Charter School. (Right) The new commercial kitchen.*

## Kudos to the Crew

*The Hamstra Group had an experienced and dedicated crew working on Discovery Charter:*

- Curt Albertson, Project Manager
- Betty Lamp, Designer
- Jason Countryman and crew, Concrete Work
- Dan Doege and crew, Interior Office Remodel
- Ryon Klemm and crew, Steel Building Construction
- Larry Minter and crew, R-38 Roof Insulation System
- Bill Dykstra and crew, Interior Framing & Finish Work
- Shane Hartley and crew, Electric Work
- Derek and Kim Bahnerth, Plumbing & Heating
- Terry Turner and crew, Painting

*Erecting the steel framing was a first step — though students probably thought a space ship had landed.*



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