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Perkins Eastman DC has enhanced the District's national and international reputation for innovative green building design. Perkins Eastman DC worked with the DC Public Schools to open the District's first two schools pursuing net-zero energy: John Lewis Elementary School and Banneker Academic High School.

John Lewis Elementary School is poised to become the first school in the world to pursue net-zero energy, LEED Platinum, and WELL certification, setting a new benchmark for performance for the District's public schools. The project's contribution to equity is seen not only in the fact that the school—with more than 70 percent of its enrollment comprised of students of color from the surrounding neighborhood—is the most ambitious design undertaken in the District's \$4 billion school modernization program. It's also seen in the school's purposeful renaming and charge to its students to carry on John Lewis' legacy of getting into "good trouble." Perkins Eastman DC is also committed to pursuing what they call "Net Positive Education"—the creation of a high performance learning environment that will positively support the health and education of all John Lewis Elementary School students, teachers, and staff.

"Over the past twenty years, our team (Perkins Eastman DC) has been actively collaborating with the District of Columbia Public Schools and the Department of General Services to renew the schools that serve as the bedrock of our city's communities. Our designs have not only had a positive impact on individual schools and their surrounding communities but also, through our large-scale vision of sustainable design, have helped expand the potential for all subsequent school projects to realize a more resilient future for the District."





John Lewis Elementary School