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Brief Synopsis of the Project

In September of 2016, AIA Pennsylvania hosted the AEC Education Summit and Expo at the Harrisburg Hilton. An initiative of the 2016 AIA Pennsylvania President and educator, Elizabeth C. Masters, AIA, the summit brought together leaders in the architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) community, education experts, state legislators, local officials, and numerous trade associations.

In addition to a President focused on the importance of education, AIA Pennsylvania was engaged in a political battle to ensure the continuation of state funding for school construction for Pennsylvania K-12 schools. AIA Pennsylvania created a public platform to broadcast our expertise on these issues to the industry, legislature, and the general public.

The schedule contained four educational panels that focused on the following topics.

- **State of K-12 School Construction** Moderated by Vern McKissick, AIA, President, McKissick Associates Architects
- **Creative Financing: Case Studies from Across the Nation** Moderated by Steve Krug, AIA, PE, LEEDap, Principal – Krug Architects
- **Keynote Speakers: Rebuilding Sandy Hook Elementary School** Featuring Alana Konefal, Project Architect, Svigals + Partners & Marissa Mead, Svigals + Partners
- **How School Design Impacts Education** Moderator: Marc Mondor, AIA, LEED Fellow, USGBC Faculty, evolveEA

As an added benefit, members of the AEC, manufacturing, and education industries were invited to exhibit their products and services in the education space.

The AEC Education Summit and Expo focused on the state of Pennsylvania's K-12 Public Education Facilities, the future of Pennsylvania's educational spaces, and the role of the AEC Industry in building and advocating for a brighter future.

The overall message was that school buildings affect the quality of education and they play a critical role in a community's development and quality of life. Creative design can transform outdated spaces to meet today's educational needs and architects bring a unique specialty.