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**McCownGordon Breaks Ground to Build LEED® Platinum Greensburg School**

*K-12 School Designed and Will Be Constructed to Meet Highest Level of USGBC LEED Certification*

KANSAS CITY, MO., October 28, 2008 — McCownGordon Construction and the Greensburg, Kan. Unified School District 422 are excited to announce the groundbreaking of the \$43 million K-12 school. The groundbreaking ceremony will take place at 2:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, Oct. 29** at **600 S. Main St.** in **Greensburg, Kan.** The Gov. of Kansas, Kathleen Sebelius, State Representative, Dennis McKinney, and more than 200 students are a few that will be in attendance.

More than a year ago, an EF5 tornado devastated 95 percent of Greensburg, leaving the town with few standing buildings. With a plan to rebuild all City buildings under the LEED® Platinum rating system -- the highest level of certification offered -- the City is taking aggressive steps to be eco-friendly. The school is the fifth building to be rebuilt seeking Platinum certification.

McCownGordon Construction and BNIM Architects, both based in Kansas City, are working together to give the town of Greensburg a next-generation, sustainable educational facility. Building for growth, the new 120,000 square-foot school will have the capability to hold 375 students. The school currently educates 200 students. The new facility includes a stadium track, two gyms, cafeteria and several iTV classrooms -- an interactive technology technique for teaching multiple classrooms from different schools simultaneously.

"We want to be unique, environmentally friendly, and cost effective, but also push the envelope of design," said Darin Headrick, USD 422 School District Superintendent. "We needed a reason for people to stop off the highway in Greensburg, Kan."

Sustainable features that will earn the project LEED® Platinum certification include wind power generation, geothermal heat, extensive daylighting, water consumption control, grey water and rainwater reuse, many reclaimed materials, water efficient landscaping, flood zone and prairie restoration, and a green roof.

"We are honored to be part of such a remarkable project," said Pat McCown, CEO and founder of McCownGordon. "The motivation and spirit from the Greensburg community to rebuild with the environment at top of mind is astounding."

The K-12 school is projected to be completed Summer 2010.

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