Herricks Public Schools

Proposed New HS Fitness Center



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Design Approach for the New HS Fitness Center

- Create an exciting & welcoming new piece of architecture;
- Present a contrasting design to the staid vernacular of the existing school;
- Incorporate high ceilings, glass, views and school colors;
- Consider student safety and security along front wall to parking area, expressed through a proud and accepting architectural "announcement";
- Incorporate "something different" in the design, like the two oversized "H's" depicting Herricks Highlanders at the corner and the blue pier with Herricks logo, sculptural soffits, etc.;
- Create a new façade design vocabulary that can be incorporated into the existing building over time; expressive to the exterior as the cafeteria expressed to the interior.







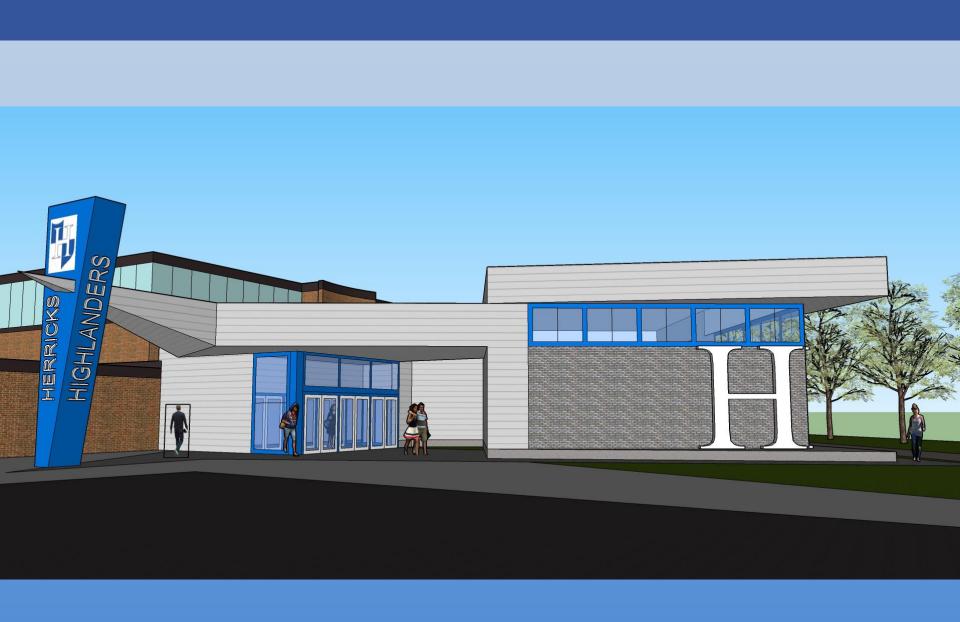


The side facing the parking and drop off area would be a "solid" to address safety issues on approach to the building. To the rear would be full height glass windows allowing views out through the trees.





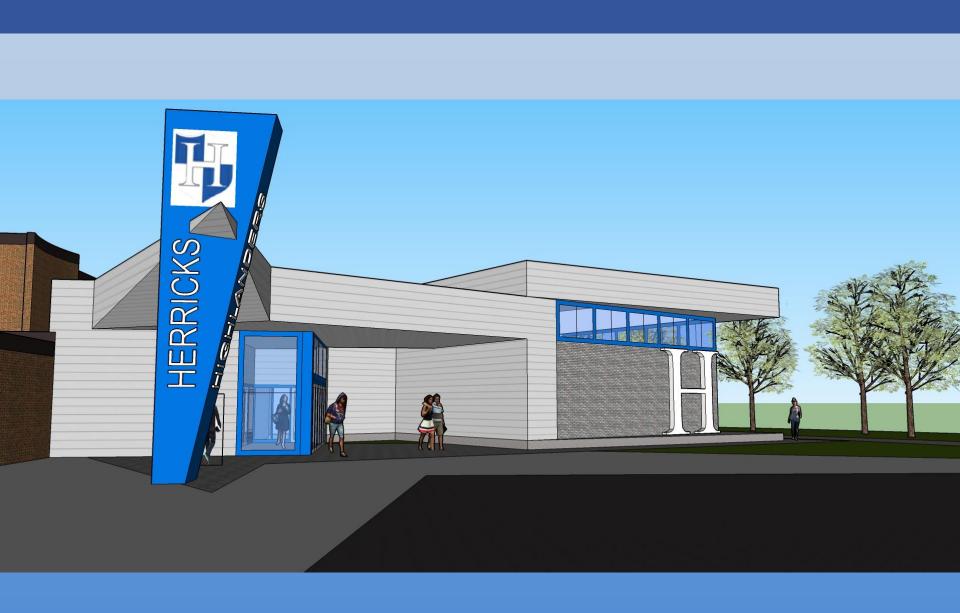
















Sculptural soffits, oversized lettering, new materials, the blue pier with logo, and overall composition give the design an "edge" and create an energetic and dynamic new imagery for the building.













Just as the cafeteria has been a magnet to student acceptance and "ownership" on the interior this design says a proud "hello" to the users, visitors and community to the exterior.





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At the rear portion of the new Fitness Center would be an outdoor area for gathering, exercise, instruction, etc. with pavers and a strong visual connection to the interior.





