

## PROJECT OF THE WEEK

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### Catalyst Charter School

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Catalyst is a tuition-free, non-profit charter school at 1305 Ironsides Ave. in Bremerton.

The first phase included a full renovation of 20,000 square feet, with 12 classrooms, cafeteria, meeting rooms and faculty space.

A custom “welcome wall” says, “We’re glad you’re here” in all languages spoken by Catalyst students. At the main entrance, warm woods are used to display Catalyst’s core values of BRAVE: Belonging, Resiliency, Achievement, Vulnerability and Enthusiasm.

The original glass block windows maximize natural light and classroom windows add views of Sinclair Inlet. Blues, greens and crisp white run through the two-story school.

Angled walls and painted alcoves and doorways highlight the main corridor. Each alcove has built-in bookshelves, benches and coat hooks that provide space for backpacks and student area.

Materials were chosen to echo Catalyst’s “scrappy” nature and resourceful style.

**Owner:** Catalyst Public Schools

**Architect:** Rice Fergus Miller

**Contractor:** Korsmo Construction

**Structural engineer:** WSW Engineering

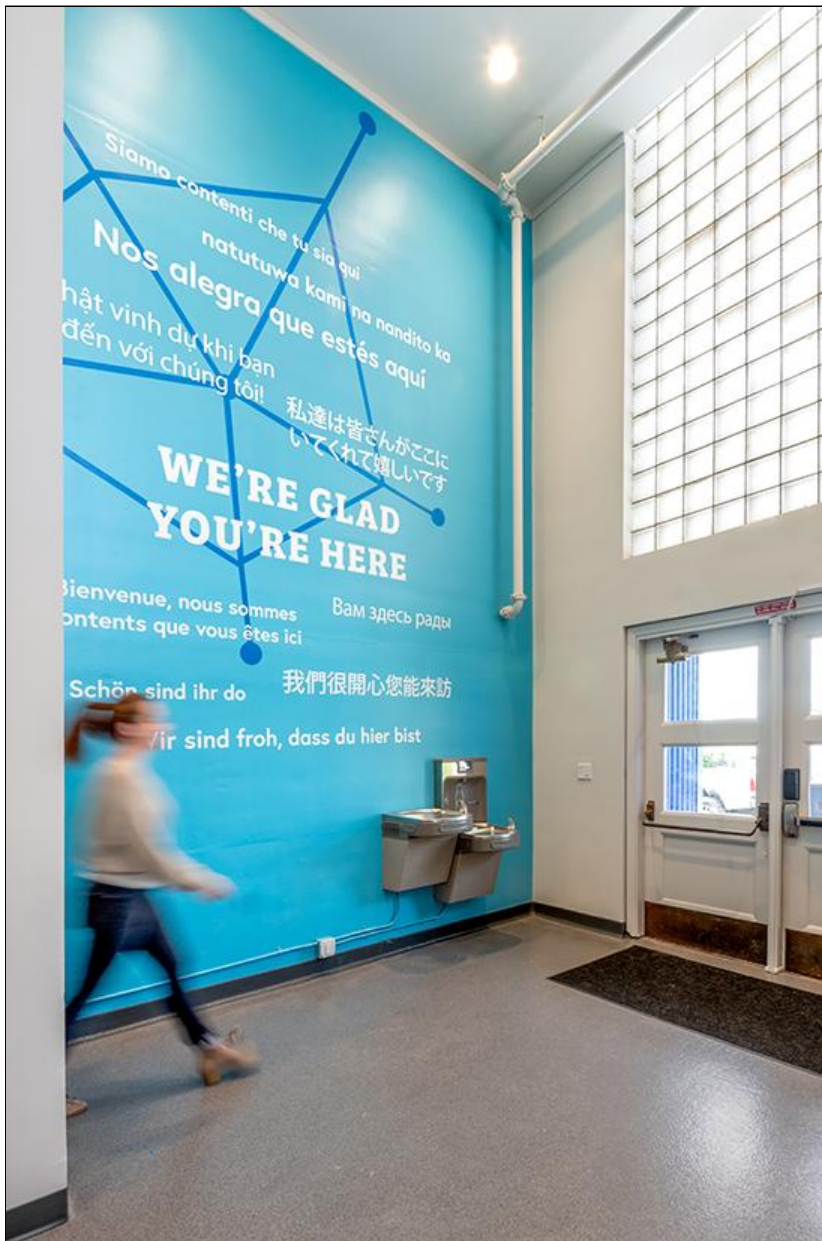


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