**Historic Context:** Focus was placed upon a solution that emphasized the community's small town feel. The new entry is symbolic of a one room school house with a bell tower.

**New Identity:** The solution provides a community friendly, easily identifiable front door lacking in the original building. With its centralized administration, the addition is organized around a central bell tower and compliments the context and detailing of the existing school.

**Detailing from Existing Building:** The existing 1950’s school served as inspiration for the detailing of the additions. The original architectural character, scale, roof slopes and cantilevered overhangs, all reveal themselves in the design, providing a balance of respect for the past and exuberance toward the future.

**Natural Light:** The interior clerestories brighten the dimly lit, dated interior, giving life to the bright color selections and creating a stimulating learning environment. Classrooms take advantage of the adjacent computer lab clerestory windows for natural daylighting.

**Safety/Security:** The additions enclose the entire school, eliminating the previous need for children to exit the school or pass through adjacent classrooms to get to their destination. Circulation patterns were improved by reconfiguring existing corridors. The front addition provides a secure point of entry with monitoring by adjacent administration. All of the existing building systems were replaced.
Introduction of natural light through new clerestories by removing and raising roof on Resource Labs.
Descriptive Data

- Site size: 25 acres
- Student capacity: 630
- Area of building: 61,700 sf renovation 31,300 sf new
- Total project cost: $12,785,499
- Cost per square feet: $137
- Cost per student: $20,294.44
- Space per student: 147 sf
Project Identification

- **Project Name:** Abingdon Elementary School
- **Project Location:** Gloucester County, Virginia
- **Owner:** Gloucester County Public Schools
- **Superintendent:** Dr. Howard B. Kiser, Ed.D.
- **Design Firm:** Moseley Architects Inc.
- **Principal In-Charge:** Jim McCalla, AIA
- **Project Designer:** Kenny Durrett
- **Construction Administrator:** Rick Farthing
- **Engineers**
  - Civil, Landscaping: Timmons Group
  - Structural: Dunbar Milby Williams Pittman & Vaughan
  - MEP: Moseley Architects
- **Builder:** Oyster Point Construction
- **Photographer:** Kenny Durrett, Jim McCalla, AIA