Link to the past: The new Sutherland Elementary School took historic clues from the original Dinwiddie School building which provides a visual link to the community’s past while introducing more contemporary details that clearly reflects the path of educational facilities in Dinwiddie.

Inviting character: The entries to the new elementary school provide elements that are comfortably tied to the county culture and past. The scale of the building is broken down into smaller parts linked together by a curved main circulation spine.

Project process: A series of design workshops with administrators, staff, parents and students were conducted to determine the appropriate direction for the new elementary school design with a consensus gained from exploring many options.

Building materials: A traditional red brick and precast stone pilaster detailing was used to tie the new elementary school to the community’s favorite elementary school, and special detailing breaks the scale of the building.

Abundance of natural light: Natural light is introduced throughout the building’s main circulation spine. Vaulted building entries, student dining, media center, and classrooms all utilize large view windows and / or clerestories.

Safety and security: Passive security methods were included in the school, including simple linear circulation patterns for easy visual monitoring.
Descriptive Data

- Site size: 189 acres
- Student capacity: 650
- Area of building: 83,133 sf
- Total project cost: $14,700,000
- Cost per square feet: $176.82
- Cost per student: $22,615
- Space per student: 138.5 sf
Project Identification

- **Project Name:** Dinwiddie Elementary School
- **Project Location:** Dinwiddie County, VA
- **Owner:** Dinwiddie County Public Schools
- **Superintendent:** Dr. Charles Maranzano Jr. / W. David Clark
- **Design Firm:** Moseley Architects
- **Principal In-Charge:** Jim Copeland, AIA
- **Project Designer:** Jim Pociluyko / Tim Martin
- **Construction Administrator:** Kirby Childers
- **Engineers**
  - Civil, Landscaping: Timmons Group
  - Structural: Moseley Architects
  - MEP: Moseley Architects
- **Builder:** Kenbridge
- **Photographer:** Lee Brauer