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NEWS RELEASE

GALE ASSOCIATES, INC. LEADS DESIGN FOR JOSIAH QUINCY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATION

ROCKLAND, MA – February 2, 2026 – Gale Associates, Inc., a consulting engineering firm, is pleased to announce the completion of the comprehensive building enclosure renovation of the iconic Josiah Quincy Elementary School, which occupies a full block in Boston’s Chinatown. Gale was selected by the Boston Public Facilities Department as the lead design consultant to evaluate the building enclosure and develop a detailed plan and construction budget for renovation.

Gale's Building Enclosure Consulting Group, supported by the firm’s in-house structural and civil engineers, designed and managed the multi-phase construction project to modernize the school’s aging enclosure systems and assemblies and extend their service life. Based on Gale’s building enclosure evaluation, the first phase of this multi-year project included the design and replacement of the roofs and plaza systems, installation of new windows and doors, facade repairs, and new pedestrian coatings. Gale has a long-standing relationship with Josiah Quincy Elementary, having completed the school’s last roof replacement in 1995.

Designed by The Architects Collaborative in 1974, the Josiah Quincy Elementary School is built of poured concrete and split-face concrete masonry unit (CMU) veneer, with precast and cast-in-place concrete elements accented by bright yellow pipe rails and decorative porcelain enamel panels featuring children's artwork across the upper facade and complemented by orange-painted window and door assemblies. The school’s open-plan layout is structured around the media center, with multiple outdoor plaza roof areas—terraced on different levels—used by both students and the surrounding community.

Phase 1 construction began in 2021 with removal of the existing roof. Gale designed a new roof system featuring a multi-ply roof membrane and a pedestal system supporting concrete, rubber, and turf pavers. In 2022, Gale designed the replacement of existing windows and doors and completed facade repairs. Several new plaza color schemes were developed to enhance outdoor learning spaces and play areas. The roof plaza also includes numerous cast-in-place concrete planters that required waterproofing to complete the building enclosure. Construction was completed in summer 2025, in time for the new school year.

The Josiah Quincy School students and the surrounding Chinatown community are thriving in their updated, revitalized space.



About Gale Associates, Inc.

Gale is a consulting engineering firm specializing in building enclosure consulting and commissioning, structural and civil engineering, athletic facilities planning and design, and airport engineering and planning. Our multidisciplinary team—civil and structural engineers, architects, enclosure specialists, and planners—provides evaluation, design, renovation, and restoration services for buildings, infrastructure, and sites nationwide, operating from offices across New England, the Mid-Atlantic, and Florida.

With over 60 years of purposeful growth, Gale is an established leader in building science, delivering advanced technical expertise in building enclosure assemblies, fenestration, roof systems, and waterproofing. This knowledge strengthens our broader engineering and planning services, enabling us to deliver technically innovative and reliable solutions. Consistently ranked annually by Zweig Group as a “Best Firms to Work For,” Gale fosters a collaborative culture that values opportunity, respect, and work/life balance, while remaining committed to ongoing community engagement. Learn more at www.galeassociates.com.