

case study: a closer look at **PS 671K**



Aztec White, Casablanca, Roseneath and Marion Blend

PS 671K • Brooklyn, NY

PS 671 is part of the NYC School Construction Authority. This newly built K-5 Primary School is located on 5th Avenue, between 36th Street and Maple Street near the historic Green-Wood Cemetery, in Sunset Park. Site excavation began in December of 2018, and came to a completion September of 2022.

The new primary school will host up to 404 students from Kindergarten through 5th grade, with 4 stories of learning and recreational space, plus a cellar, totalling 62,000 square feet.

The landscape of the school property slopes significantly towards one corner of the site, creating an opportunity for a unique “sunken playground” that is accessible from the lower level cafeteria area. This playground serves the Kindergarten students, with a larger primary playground on grade.

The facade of the building features variations in masonry colors and textures that separate the building into sections, breaking down the scale of the facade. The extensive use of clay brick on the exterior shell not only flatters the overall design aesthetic, but also streamlined the construction



key players:

- Architect • Massa Multimedia Architecture, Michael Graves Architecture & Design
- Distributor • Glenwood Mason Supply
- Mason Contactor • SIG Contracting LIC, NY

the brick breakdown:

- 96,000 Marion Blend
- 85,000 Casablanca
- 31,500 Roseneath
- 19,000 Aztec White

process, saving time and money for the client.

PS 671 features Marion Blend from Glen-Gery's Cityline Series, with a gentle color variation of pink and orange, complimenting the pops of orange within the window structures. In the background you will also notice Roseneath from the Commonwealth Series, a unique product with a wide range of red tones. The building is predominately covered in Casablanca from the Sioux River Series, a soft grey brick, with accents within the window structures of Aztec White. These grey bricks are of the same series, with slightly different tones, letting them

harmonize with each other beautifully throughout the building's facade.

Custom shapes were also widely used throughout the project, particularly to enhance the main entrance of the school, which can be seen from 5th Avenue.

A mural titled *Indigenous Flow* was painted on the side of the school to pay tribute to the ancestral homelands of various global Indigenous communities. The mural was inspired by the diverse cultures that are celebrated within Sunset Park's vibrant community.

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