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**Green, 'Texas-themed'
middle school complete**

A 200,000-square-foot middle school

that opened this year boasts not only a "green" theme, but a Texas one, as well.

Michael R. Null Middle School, a three-level campus in the Sheldon Independent School District, was designed by SHW Group's Houston studio. Houston-based Dyad Construction Inc. served as the project's general contractor.

Because Sheldon ISD wanted a building that honored Texas history and style, SHW's design for the school was based on an old Texas town square where storefronts flanked a central gathering space and an adjacent railroad that delivered people and supplies to each town. The

plan has two "houses" located to the east and the west of a central courtyard representing the adjacent storefronts, while the "gazebo" or LGI (large group instruction) located in the courtyard is attached to the main building for larger meetings. The railroad is represented by a main walkway with an aluminum canopy through the courtyard that connects the north and south areas of the building.

Designed with sustainable principles in mind, Null Middle School boasts green features such as day lighting, high-quality acoustics and technology and low-emitting materials. ■

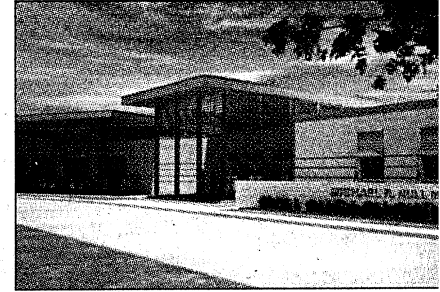


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Michael R. Null Middle School, a three-level campus in the Sheldon Independent School District, was designed to reflect Texas history and style. The campus opened this year.