



# Priest Elementary - Detroit Public Schools



## Location

Detroit, MI

## Contractor

Complete Mechanical  
Contracting, Inc.  
Jim Smith

## The R.L.D. Project Team

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## Challenge

People in Michigan know that the weather can be unpredictable, particularly in the late fall. Having a functional heating system that works during this time frame is especially important when a school is involved. Priest Elementary, in the Detroit Public School System, had to replace and upgrade burners during a November cold snap - all while school was in session.

## Why R.L. Deppmann?

The Deppmann team was able to immediately identify a solution that met the needs of both the school district and the installing contractor. The product selected - a burner from Webster Combustion Technology - was able to be retrofitted into the existing installation very quickly, while still providing improved efficiency. Once installed, the Deppmann start up team was able to get these boilers operational right away, without interrupting school operations.

## Solution

When Deppmann received project requirements, the team identified that a new burner from Webster Combustion Technology was the right product for the application. Prior to ordering the product, Deppmann took critical measurements - which even included climbing into the boiler! - to ensure that the replacement would be a perfect fit. During installation, Deppmann was on site again to ensure trouble-free installation and to provide start up services.

Today, the burner is providing advanced control technology with proven combustion performance. Priest Elementary is enjoying **improved burner efficiency, which has reduced both energy costs and emissions.**



“This job was a race to complete the installation and restore steam for heating capabilities to the school. Deppmann was able to trouble shoot, repair and get the burner fired up and running to provide heat the same day which was great news for the school district.”

- Jim Smith, Complete Mechanical Contracting, Inc.