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New York, NY (April 3, 2009) --- New science rooms have added a valuable component to the educational environment at Brooklyn's Bushwick High School, 797 Bushwick Avenue. Designed by Goshow Architects in collaboration with the New York City School Construction Authority (SCA), Goshow Architects converted four classrooms into a general science lab, a demonstration science room, a science prep room and an acid room.

The budget for this adaptive reuse project and renovation was \$2.8 million and was completed in under one year.

"Our commitment to sustainable design and the built environment extends well beyond the skyline of New York City and into the classrooms and the children that utilize them," said F. Eric Goshow, AIA, LEED-AP, Principal of Goshow Architects. "Bushwick's goal was to become more of a science school. The school's Principle approached the SCA to ask for a lab to be put in the place of four existing classrooms. A scope evaluation was conducted and based on the outcome of the evaluation, our firm was chosen."

The school opened in 2002 serving fewer than 100 ninth graders. Today Bushwick is proudly serving 9th through 12th graders with more than 400 students.

Established in 1988 by the New York State Legislature, the SCA builds and manages the design, construction and renovation of projects in the cities existing public school buildings, half of which were constructed prior to 1949.

Goshow included Bushwick faculty in the nine-month planning and design process. Despite design limitations due to the strict SCA guidelines, bi-weekly meetings with Bushwick staff were held during both design and construction to make

sure needs were being met. All required Environmental Protection Agency standards were met.

Goshow was able to introduce some of their own signature design features into the Bushwick renovation, including bold modern colored ceramic tiles throughout the lab and connecting rooms. To instill school pride, the school's colors were used.

Goshow incorporated several sustainable design features, such as energy saving high-efficiency light bulbs and water conserving features such as low-pressure faucets.

In order to prepare the students for their next level of education, more advanced lab equipment was used, similar to what they may encounter at University.

For more information on this or other educational projects, visit [www.goshow.com](http://www.goshow.com) or call (212) 242-3735.

Goshow Architects is a full-service architectural firm dedicated to improving communities through long-term, sustainable design solutions. Their extensive portfolio includes K-12 schools and higher educational facilities, multi-family housing developments, and projects for assorted government agencies, as well as private and not-for-profit developments. Established in 1978, the 40-person practice is a leading proponent of green design.

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