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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**GTC BREAKS GROUND ON SWALLOWS CHARTER ACADEMY**

***BEST Grant-funded project will mark first classroom building for Pueblo West's only charter school***

GTC is pleased to announce its recent groundbreaking on a new 43,000sf building for Swallows Charter Academy. The project will mark the first permanent classroom structure for the K-12 school, located in the Pueblo West Metropolitan District. Currently, K-8 students are stationed in modular classrooms and a repurposed grocery store on the school's site, and the high school operates out of a former strip mall across the street. The new structure will attach to a multipurpose building/gymnasium, built in 2016.

Swallows Charter Academy has been in operation since 1996 and currently has an enrollment of 596 students, according to The Colorado League of Charter Schools. The school received a \$20 million BEST Grant for the project, which will be funded through a Certificate of Participation (COP).

"Swallows is the first charter school to receive a BEST grant for a project of this magnitude," Ric Ruedin, GTC Vice President, who will helm the project, said.

The new structure, designed by Hord Coplan Macht, will have a 24,536 square foot first floor and 18,592 square foot second floor. It will include elementary and middle school classrooms, admin areas, and common space. The project will target LEED Gold.

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