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Tite-Loc Plus panels create standout roof for Pennsylvania school

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More than 18,000 sq. ft. of Petersen's Tite-Loc Plus roof panels in a distinct, custom Marquis Orange finish help emphasize the angled gables topping the Greater Latrobe School District's new Latrobe Elementary School in Latrobe, Pa. The 22-gauge panels, along with 3,800 sq. ft. of .032 gauge PAC-750 soffit, complement the classic terra cotta-toned brick that clads the upper two-thirds of the school's façade.

Latrobe is located within easy driving distance of several popular ski areas, and the design, by Monroeville, Pa.-based Axis Architecture, has a bit of a Swiss chalet in its roofline. The firm also was the architect for the school district's recently completed athletic complex, which features a similar multi-tiered profile.

Roofing contractors faced a bit of a challenge when they began to bring this plan to life: the acoustical deck for half the building was running in the wrong direction. "To make the project work, 16-gauge hat channel had to be installed over half of the project to ensure correct clip attachment," said Robert Ramella, with installer Pennsylvania Roofing Systems.

Ramella said his company selected Petersen's PAC-CLAD products because of the manufacturer's excellent local representation, including the distributor Brock Associates. Petersen's reputation for good field support also played a role in this selection, he said.

Petersen manufactures PAC-CLAD metal cladding products in multiple gauges of steel and aluminum. PAC-CLAD products include standing-seam roof panels, hidden- and exposed-fastener wall panels, flush panels, soffit panels, perforated metal, fascia and coping systems, composite panels, column covers, coil and flat sheet. All are available in full 70% PVDF finish (Kynar) in 46 standard colors that include a 30-year finish warranty. Most colors meet LEED, Energy Star and Cool Roof Rating Council certification requirements. Founded in 1965, Petersen's facilities are located in Illinois, Georgia, Texas, Maryland, Minnesota and Arizona.

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