Sunderland Elementary School

This one-story elementary school is integrated into the life of the town that it serves. The program incorporates much-needed community-use space, and the design draws connections to Sunderland's heritage and culture. Forms and detailing, including 19th century tobacco sheds, silos and a bell tower, reflect the agrarian architecture of the region. Rustic materials, including wood trusses, white cedar clapboard, red cedar shingles, and wood frame windows also reflect local influences.

Kindergarten classrooms occupy three adjoining pitched-roofed 'houses.' The overall composition and residential scale, ease the transition from home to school for the community's youngest students.