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**Svigals + Partners Principal Barry Svigals, FAIA,
Speaks on “Buildings That Teach” at National Schools Conference**

PITTSBURGH, July 24, 2009 – Barry Svigals, FAIA, of the architecture firm Svigals + Partners, New Haven, Conn., recently presented on the topic of “Buildings that Teach” at the School Building Expo, held in Pittsburgh. The presentation centered on the integration of art and architecture in today’s urban K-12 schools, for an audience including leading educational facilities executives from around the country.

Focusing on the Columbus Family Academy – an award-winning new bilingual K-8 school in New Haven, Conn., designed by Svigals + Partners – the architect discussed how teachers and school administrators are using architecture and built-in sculpture to teach science, geography, history and other curriculum subjects. The talk also revealed several innovative strategies for including education-inspiring art in new building projects while meeting budget and technical criteria for the facilities.

Svigals was joined by Dr. Abie Benitez, principal of Columbus Family Academy, as well as Tom Roger from Gilbane Building Company, who serves as program director for New Haven’s school construction program. Also on the panel was Randall Hoyt, a graphic designer who worked with the architect on the school’s unique sculptures.

According to Svigals, new collaborations and educational opportunities are being made possible through the integration of art and architecture, which have been shown to benefit students, school leaders and their communities at large.

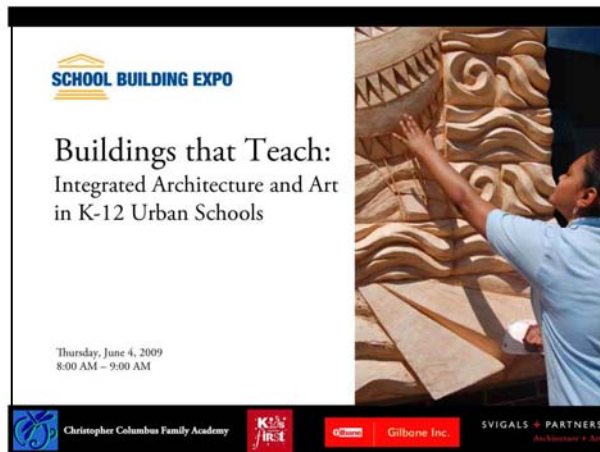
“Based on feedback from attendees, we see the idea of 'Buildings that Teach' as becoming more integral to curriculum and even the mission of the schools,” said Svigals. “This integration of art and architecture with such academic areas as math, history and science will help students think with a more elastic mind, better preparing them to succeed in the challenging

global knowledge economy.”

Svigals regularly consults and speaks on the ideas behind “Buildings that Teach,” and he is available as a source on the topic.

The School Building Expo highlights new trends, products and solutions for professionals involved in designing and building K-12 and university buildings. The expo was held June 2-4, 2009, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. Svigals presentation was part of

the educational program, which features invited seminars and panel discussions given by esteemed architects, education administrators, designers, and engineers. ###



About Svigals + Partners

Based in New Haven, Connecticut, the full-service architecture and planning firm Svigals + Partners has specialized in the design and construction of educational facilities since its inception in 1983. Known for its original and imaginative integration of planning, design, sculpture and artwork, the firm is committed to “bringing the beauty, relevance and distinction of figurative art into the architecture of the 21st century.” Svigals + Partners serves clients throughout the United States, offering a complete range of architectural services from master planning, site selection and feasibility studies through design and construction. In the firm’s portfolio are major K-12 educational projects as well as 20 years of new and renovated university buildings. Other areas of specialization include laboratories, corporate facilities and master planning. For more information, visit www.svigals.com.