

Middle School students in the School District of La Crosse will have yet another option for learning beginning in the 2011-12 school year. La Crosse Design Institute, a charter school with design as the central theme for learning, will open September 1<sup>st</sup>. Forty students are currently registered to attend the school which will be housed at Longfellow Middle School.

Dr. Penny Reedy, the school's principal says the School District of La Crosse learned this week that the charter school was awarded a \$175 thousand implementation grant from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The school received a planning grant for the same amount in April of 2010 to develop the curriculum for the school.

To learn more about La Crosse Design Institute visit [www.lacrosseschools.org/designinstitute](http://www.lacrosseschools.org/designinstitute)