

# East Prairie Elementary School



East Prairie Elementary School is designed to house 700 students in grades Pre-K and Kindergarten through 8th Grade in Skokie, Illinois. The owner of the new school wanted to meet construction standards that would be durable for years to come.

### Highlights

- 124,000 square foot building features 35,000 SF of Kingspan Kooltherm K8 Cavity Board
- \$47 million project first called for 2" mineral fiber continuous insulation and 1" spray foam
- Using Kingspan Kooltherm K8 the owner saved time and money, eliminating a trade and increasing the R-value to 16

#### **Project Overview**

**Project** East Prairie Elementary School

Completion Date Summer 2019

**Location** Skokie, IL

Owner East Prairie School District

Building Type Educational

Kingspan Product Installed Kooltherm K8 Cavity Board

Architect STR Partners

**CM** Gilbane

Masonry Contractor Mastership Masonry

Metal Panel Contractor Weisbrook Sheetmetal

Distributer Northfield Block

**Sq. Ft** 124,000

#### Challenge

The original design called for 2" mineral fiber continuous insulation and 1" spray foam in the cavity. The architect wanted to meet minimum code requirements, which was R-13 2015 IECC for energy efficiency purposes. The architect attended a lunch and learn program presented by Kingspan Regional Market Manager, Jonathan Cobb, while in the early stages of the project and was intrigued by Kooltherm K8. Continued on next page

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Those involved, the architect, general contractor and applicator, had never used Kooltherm prior to this project.

Kingspan Kooltherm K8 Cavity Board is a premium performance insulation product, with a fiber-free rigid thermoset phenolic core, faced on both sides with a low emissivity composite foil facing which is used for insulation in partially filled cavity walls. With an R-value of 16 on 2 inches, K8 has a higher R-value per inch than any commonly used insulation and the lowest flame/smoke rating for any foam plastic rigid board. Because of its lightweight design, handling the board is easy and reduces overall installation time.

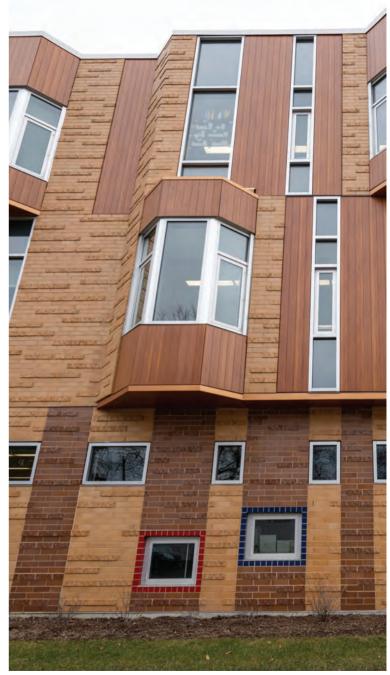
Kingspan Kooltherm K8 Cavity Board's low emissivity composite foil is adhesively bonded to the insulation core during manufacture. Its reflective surface improves the thermal resistance of any unventilated cavity adjacent to the board. The core of Kooltherm K8 is manufactured with a blowing agent that has zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) and low Global Warming Potential (GWP).

## Solution

Instead of using a 2"mineral wool and 1"spray foam to achieve an R-value of 13 on the brick and metal panel building, the architect chose Kooltherm K8, which enabled the project to exceed all code requirements at R-16 with a consistent 2" insulation.

Kingspan Kooltherm K8 helped eliminate the need of spray foam so one trade was removed, saving up to \$1.43 per square feet. Having one contractor instead of two coming in on the project also saved time. By utilizing the Kingspan Kooltherm K8, the customer has a better performing insulant and they were able to remove the insulation in the cavity as it was no longer needed.





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