



Steven Nichols, PE

## ACEC OF MICHIGAN ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan (ACEC/M) has announced Steven Nichols, PE, of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber (Grand Rapids) as its 2017-2018 president.

Nichols is a principal/senior vice president of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber. With over 38 years of industry experience, he is a member of the Board of Directors and a leader of the firm in charge of the Civil Department and overseeing the firm's transportation projects. During the past 20 years, Nichols has served in many leadership positions with ACEC/M acting as a liaison and spokesperson with industry organizations. His experience is in transportation, infrastructure, and environmental engineering projects, working with the Michigan Department of Transportation and many municipalities.

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## GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY HELD FOR NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER IN PORT HURON

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2017 for a new 39,000-square-foot early childhood center to serve the Port Huron Schools community. TMP Architecture, Bloomfield Hills, is providing architectural services for the \$10.5 million project, which is scheduled for completion in time for the 2018-2019 school year.

The new center was one of the significant projects presented to voters in the \$105.9 million bond that was approved in August. The building is designed to accommodate 400 children and will house preschool programs for the district. The facility will be connected to the McKinley Administration Building by a new secure entrance vestibule.

After a series of interactive visioning sessions with community and district representatives, the design theme of the new center evolved into a "home away from home" for students. A major program goal is to allow parents space to walk their child directly into the school, with areas to interact with teachers, other parents and administrators. Various porch entry points help break down the scale of the school and give identities to each age group and classroom.