

The Horace Mann Center (Formerly 333 Western Ave)

## A. History

The Horace Mann Center was originally built in 1968 as the Corporate Headquarters of the Stanley Home Products Company.

In 2000-01 Westfield State College purchased the building and performed extensive renovations on both the infrastructure and cosmetics including data, electrical, generator, office and conference room upgrades as well as additional parking spaces.

Current occupants include the President's office, Administration and Finance, Human Resources, Alumni Office, Advancement and College Relations, Admissions, Criminal Justice Department and classrooms, Development Office, Financial Aid, Graduate and Continuing Education, Marketing, Media Relations, Purchasing, Equal Opportunity Office,

Student Accounts, Student Administrative Services, and Conference Services.

In addition to college departments and classroom facilities, the grounds includes garden space for staff to grow produce for local Food Banks and community use.

Horace Mann was known as The Father of American Education. Initially, he was a Massachusetts state representative and senator, becoming a champion of free, public, non-sectarian education for all men and women. In 1837 he became the first Secretary of the Massachusetts State Board of Education, He established schools for Teacher Training and School District Libraries, winning public financial support for these initiates. Some of his ideas were formed through a visit to the Prussian Education System.

In 1848 he took the vacated seat of a U.S. Congressman, and in 1853 he assumed the Presidency of Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio which he held until his death in 1859.

## B. Structural Data

Construction Type 2C Occupancy Group: B

Year Built:

Height: Three story building. Two floors above grade and one below, with 33'

height above grade. 780 CMR 503: Three (3) stories, 40". 780 CMR 504.2:

add one (1) story and 20".

Area (gross): Basement: 15,314 sf. First floor: 15,380 sf. Second floor 13,880 sf.

Garage: 5,355 square feet.

Superstructure Type Steel framed structure

Foundation Type Concrete

Floor: Concrete slab over steel deck.

Ceiling:

Roof: Steel framed with fully adhered PVC membrane over mechanically

attached rigid insulation.

Exterior Walls Steel framed and pre-cast masonry panels.

Interior Finish New metal stud walls, existing metal stud walls and wood stud walls.

Fuels Natural Gas

Heat Two (2) Gas Fired Boilers- volume reheat systems and

supplementary/electric heat along exterior walls.

Hot Water Domestic hot water heater A/C: 5 Carrier roof top units.

Ventilation Ducted system with a ceiling return plenum Electrical Service 2,000 amp, 277/480 volt phase 4 wire.

Emergency Light Yes

Emergency Power: Caterpillar SR4B diesel; Serial 8HG01809; 500 kw, 480Y/277 voltage;

753 amps

Fire Alarm Equip Smoke detectors and alarm of sprinkler system.

Suppression Wet pipe sprinkler system.

Smoke Evacuation Posted in hallways.

Extinguishers

I. T.: Telephone and data room/Data closets

EMS Honeywell Irrigation: Lawn Sprinklers

Chimneys Two

Elevator One passenger: Bay State

Shafts / Floor Openings: Two (2) rated stairwells from basement to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Open stair lobby from

1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Atria: None

Egress:  $2^{\text{nd}}$  fl occ. load = 139, 3 exits (exceeds 1010.2 - 2 min. exits)

 $1^{st}$  fl occ. load = 154, 3 exits (exceeds 1010.2 - 2 min. exits)

Basement and garage flocc. load = 483, 3 exits (exceeds 1010.2 - 2 min

exits)

Emergency evacuation signs:

Lot Area 74,300 square feet

Number of Off-Street

Parking Areas 140 spaces

Septic Forced sewer - Municipal.

Water Public

Certificates Elevator has yearly inspection: posted on site. Boiler has yearly

inspection: posted on site. A/C has yearly inspection: posted on site.