

SCHOOL SEASON ISSUE

This is the time of year when completion dates loom large for school construction projects. Those of us with school age children know first hand the importance of completing any school project in time for the opening day of class. Labor Day is too late.

School projects that are “off schedule”, regardless of the reason, are a leading cause of surety bond claim activity this time of year. Critically important for responding sureties is the ability to manage the recovery schedule for opening day. In this issue of Philadelphia Quarterly, the “School Season Issue”, we present some of our more noteworthy, recent school projects.

**East Brunswick High School
Brunswick, NJ**



Before

Owner: East Brunswick Board of Education (New Jersey). **CSF Scope:** Completion of additions and interior renovation to existing High School. Scope included all general works, site work, building shell, interior finishes, punch list and close out mediation of all claims with owner.



After

**Somerset Intermediate School
Somerset, NJ**



Owner: North Plainfield Board of Education (New Jersey) School District. **CSF Scope:** Completion of general construction, including punch list, site work and project closeout.

Philadelphia Key Personnel

James E. Rudnik, Esq. – Regional Manager

Manages the Philadelphia office and leads fidelity practice at CSF. A licensed attorney and former Manager of surety claims department of top 10 Surety.

Louis M. Baldassarre – Regional Engineering Manager

Graduate Civil Engineer who leads all construction and engineering assignments. He has extensive experience in developing completion costs and managing completion.

Keith McClure – Senior Project Accountant

Primarily focused on books and records review for defaults, bid reviews and underwriting reviews. Experienced in fidelity investigation.

Our Field Staff

- Jim Battista – Senior Project Manager**
- William Bloodgood – Senior Project Manager**
- John Stos – Senior Project Manager**
- Bob Vagell – Senior Project Manager**

Our Field Staff recently completed projects include: schools, churches, bridges, science and engineering labs, athletic fields and prisons.

**University of Maryland
College Park, MD
Student Housing Building 5 & 6**

Before



Project status, in mid July 2004.

Owner: Capstone **General Contractor:** Whiting –Turner Construction Co. **CSF Scope:** Completion of \$3,000,000 roof truss, framing, drywall, painting subcontract.

After



Four weeks later – Move In Day.



The map shows the locations of some of the claims assigned to the Philadelphia Office.

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