



Boght Hills Elementary School North Colonie Central School District Latham, New York

Loss Event: Fire Damage

In the early morning, an electrical fire broke out in Boght Hill Elementary School in Latham, NY. The fire started under the stage and destroyed the cafetorium and kitchen, penetrating the roof and side of the building.

BELFOR RESPONSE

There was excessive smoke damage throughout the gymnasium, hallways, and library. While the fire department was on site, the school district called BELFOR.

Calling BELFOR was their first choice since the previous year, there had been a fire at another district school - Shaker High School. The fire at Shaker was much smaller but the district was pleased with the mitigation and restoration BELFOR provided. The district was confident in BELFOR's abilities based on previous experience.

BELFOR was on site quickly to assess the situation and start staging equipment. With a crew of over 75 BELFOR specialists, all the smoke damaged areas were cleaned and restored. The library, halls and gymnasium were cleaned. The gymnasium was repainted. By the end of the following week, which was spring break, the students returned to their classes.

As with any large project, there were challenges. The school wanted to provide lunches for the students without having to bring food in so BELFOR arranged for the temporary rental of industrial kitchen appliances.

The demolition of the fire damaged areas began immediately, along with the planning and coordination for the reconstruction. The roof work began on the hottest day of the year followed by a few weeks of rain.

As a general contractor, BELFOR worked with the school district to restore the facility in a well-managed and timely manner. The school was ready for kids to use at the beginning of the school year.



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