



**PROPERTY RESTORATION**

**Case Study: Catoosa County Public Schools  
Catoosa County, Georgia**

**Loss Event: Storm Damage – EF4 Tornado**  
**Damage: Structural Damage and Water Damage**

The Catoosa County School District is a public school district in Catoosa County, Georgia that serves the communities of Ringgold, Fort Oglethorpe, and Lakeview. Approximately 10,900 students attend 17 schools in the district.

In late April, a deadly and devastating EF4 tornado about a mile in diameter violently touched down in Ringgold. A total of 23 district buildings were damaged, including significant damage to Ringgold High School, Middle School and Primary School.

The property damage was extensive and included the collapse of the art building, a heavily damaged field house (the field press box was blown into the school parking lot), and a complete wing destroyed at the Middle School.



**BELFOR SOLUTION**

More than 350 BELFOR skilled workers repaired structural and interior damage to the three schools before the new school year began in September.

1. Remove, clean and store all salvageable contents.
2. Selective demolition of damaged structures.
3. Remove debris on school grounds.
4. Dry and dehumidify non-damaged school areas.
5. Rebuild damage structures, including a new roof.
6. Remove and replace flooring - tile, wood and carpet.
7. Install new wooden gym floors.
8. Replace salvageable contents in repaired facilities room-by-room.

**CHALLENGES:**

Timeline - Completing repairs before new school year started.

*“If anyone can erase the bad memories of the tornado, it is BELFOR. They went above and beyond in doing things for our staff. BELFOR is responsible for us coming home.”*

**DENIA REESE**  
**Superintendent**  
**Catoosa County Public Schools**

*“BELFOR took it upon themselves to do the work that needed to be done and kept this project moving along.”*

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