

## Cicero School District 99 Life Safety Numerous Locations, Cicero, Illinois



Client: Cicero School District 99  
Architect: FGM Architects  
Role: Construction Manager

International Contractors, Inc. has been providing construction services for Cicero School District 99 since 1995. This long and successful relationship began as the result of a public bid opportunity for an Addition to Liberty Elementary School and continues to flourish today due to ICI's ability to consistently produce solid results.

In 2000, ICI was awarded our first season of Life Safety Work as the District's Construction Manager. Since that time we have participated in every phase of work from Design thru Construction for Life Safety and New Construction Projects.

Our Preconstruction Services include: detailed estimate generation, value engineering, and constructability reviews. We regularly report to the Board on

budget and schedule issues so that they can make informed decisions. Each year, we conduct work during summer break and always complete before the beginning of the school year.

Depending on the condition of each school, we manage demolition, replace windows, improve lighting, and replace millwork. We also overhaul HVAC systems, evaluate and repair sewer lines and upgrade electrical systems and utilities. Additional work often includes refurbishing ceilings, painting interiors and exteriors, performing asbestos and sound abatement and remodeling interior spaces.

The following page details highlights from many of the projects this team has completed together.



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### **1995: Liberty School Addition**

This three-story, 39,000 SF, addition provided classroom space, administrative offices, a gymnasium, and teachers lounge. The addition was designed to blend with the original, 1920's, structure. Remodeling in the existing school created a new media center and re-configured various classrooms. Construction was completed ahead of schedule.

### **1997/98: Renovation of 12 Schools and Administration Center**

The program was completed during two, 3-month summer breaks. For Phase I (1997), careful coordination of simultaneous work at 13 buildings was critical to completing the project on schedule. The work involved tuckpointing, painting, replacing and repairing doors, roof repairs, flooring replacement and ADA / Life Safety upgrades. Phase II (1998) involved the demolition and rebuilding of the facade at Goodwin School. Existing windows, glass block, and insulating panels were removed and replaced with a new masonry facade. Both phases were completed well before school resumed in the fall.

### **2000: Life Safety and Renovation work - 2 Schools**

Work at Cicero East and McKinley schools included the replacement of windows, heating systems, air conditioning units, sewer lines, lighting, millwork, ceilings, and parking lots. Upgrades were made to electrical systems and utilities, the interiors and exteriors were painted, hazardous materials were abated, and various offices and corridors were remodeled.

### **2001: Renovation of 3 Schools and Administration Center**

The scope of Life Safety work at Columbus, Drexel and Sherlock was similar to the work completed in 2000, with the exception of Sound Abatement work, performed at Drexel School and funded by the FAA. We worked closely with the architect to account for the use of these funds, as well as the other state and federal funding sources.

### **2002: Life Safety Work - 5 Schools**

- Goodwin School - door replacements, new booster pumps, new urinals and auto flush valves and structural repairs to tectum deck in gym.
- Lincoln School - window replacement and removal of some roof vents.
- Roosevelt School - new condensate pump, exhaust fans, new urinals, auto flush valves and new booster pumps.
- Sherlock School - replaced domestic water-piping and installed a new sanitary ejector with backflow preventor.
- Warren Park School - replaced existing exterior doors, bleachers, new drinking fountains and new intercom system.

### **2004: Administration Center Renovation**

Major renovations and a 3-story addition to house an elevator and steel stairs were completed on Cicero's Administration Center. The building's stone foundation was reinforced, new steel columns and beams were installed and foundation footings were added to correct floor deflection. Tuckpointing took place where feasible and, in some instances, entire areas were replaced with new brick on the exterior. Three-quarters of the roof was removed and replaced and new Entrance Columns were installed. The mechanical system, sewer piping and electrical distribution service were replaced. An "addressable" fire alarm system was installed. Asbestos and lead abatement were performed and a hazardous underground fuel tank was removed.

### **2005: McKinley School**

Asbestos abatement, lintel replacement, soffit construction, data line relocation and ceiling replacement were completed in addition to a new mechanical system and boiler. Construction was completed in less than 10 weeks.

### **2006: Woodbine School**

This Life Safety project included asbestos abatement, window replacement, electrical and fire alarm upgrades and a roof replacement. Originally, the project was based on a 13-week schedule. However, International Contractors, Inc. was able to complete the entire \$1.2 Million project in just 9 weeks.

### **2007 - Goodwin & Drexel Schools**

ICI completed 100,000 SF of parking lot rehabilitation at 2 schools simultaneously within an 8 week schedule. Upon removal of existing pavement, ICI found several collapsed storm sewers and unsuitable soils, all which needed to be replaced. Despite these unforeseen conditions, ICI was able to complete the project on-schedule.

### **2008 - Roosevelt School**

ICI 71,580 SF of Life Safety Renovations, MEP Upgrades and Site Work within a tight, 11 month summer schedule. In order to accommodate this schedule, ICI crews worked practically around the clock. Two superintendents were assigned to the job site in order to accommodate double shifts and weekend work. ICI worked with the architect and school district during the preconstruction phase of the project to establish budgets and schedules, as well as create individual bid packages for this aggressive project. After bid results were returned, the project was \$750,000 under budget.



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**2009 – Life Safety Work at Six Schools**

The project consisted of work at 6 different school sites and varied from paving to painting. ICI committed 2 full time superintendents to rotate between the multiple locations and ensure a timely completion. Because, as always, ICI worked diligently to keep the project costs under the established budget, the District was able to add additional scope to repair alternate items on various schools.

**2010 - Life Safety Work at Nine Schools**

ICI is performing life safety work at nine schools within 12 weeks during the 2010 summer break. Work will include selective demolition, carpentry, new drywall partitions and acoustic ceilings, upgrading floor covering, painting and MEP upgrades. Electrical upgrades include fire alarm, intercom and clock and emergency lighting.



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