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HUBRICH CONTRACTING: PROTECTING STUDENT SUCCESS DURING AN ACTIVE SCHOOL RENOVATION



When it comes to school renovation and expansion projects, minimizing disruptions to student learning and success is paramount. At Hubrich Contracting, we specialize in creating environments where educational activities can continue seamlessly despite ongoing construction. Our strategic approach is grounded

in evidence-based practices and a commitment to maintaining a conducive learning atmosphere throughout the project.

Research by the *National Center for Education Statistics* (NCES) shows a correlation between the quality of school facilities and student achievement, emphasizing the importance of well-maintained and modernized spaces for academic success. Furthermore, a study published in the *Journal of Environmental Psychology* found that students in classrooms with improved physical environments, such as better lighting and air quality, demonstrated higher academic performance and improved behavior.



Hubrich Contracting has been working on Virtus Academy's new high school and athletic facilities during the 2023-2024 school year while the school was actively in session next door.

Effective planning and collaboration are at the heart of our process. Research highlights the importance of involving stakeholders early and continuously to reduce disruptions. From the outset, we engage with school administrators, teachers, and other stakeholders to craft a detailed project plan. This plan aligns with the academic calendar and considers key dates and events, ensuring minimal impact on daily operations.

Timing plays a crucial role in our strategy. We know that careful scheduling can significantly reduce disruptions, as supported by a study from the National Institute of Building Sciences. By conducting the most disruptive activities during non-school hours, weekends, and school breaks, we avoid interfering with classroom activities. Additionally, daily coordination meetings with school staff allow us to adjust schedules as needed, further minimizing impact.

A phased construction approach allows us to focus on one section of the building at a time, keeping the rest of the school operational and safe. This method not only limits disruptions but also ensures efficient progress. Each phase is meticulously planned and executed, providing continuous access to functional learning spaces. This systematic approach reduces stress on students and staff, confining disruptions to specific areas and maintaining a safe environment.

Safety is our top priority. Implementing comprehensive safety protocols is essential, especially in a school setting. We install secure barriers, use clear signage, and conduct regular safety drills to ensure everyone knows how to stay safe. These measures, backed by research, are crucial in maintaining a secure environment during construction.

Maintaining open lines of communication with the school community is another critical element of our approach. Transparent communication leads to better project outcomes and higher satisfaction among stakeholders. We provide regular updates on project progress, potential disruptions, and safety measures. Establishing feedback channels and holding community meetings keeps everyone informed and engaged, fostering a cooperative atmosphere. Flexibility and adaptability are key to handling unexpected challenges during construction. Our team is equipped to respond swiftly to any issues, ensuring that the project stays on track without compromising quality. By employing innovative solutions and continuously improving our processes, we can overcome obstacles and maintain progress.



Ultimately, our goal is to create spaces that enhance the educational experience. Well-designed learning environments have been shown to improve student engagement and performance. We work with architects and designers to create modern, inspiring spaces that support educational excellence. Whether it's modern classrooms, state-of-the-art laboratories, or sustainable design principles, our focus is on creating environments that facilitate learning and growth.

At Hubrich Contracting, we are committed to delivering high-quality construction services that support the needs of students and educators. Our comprehensive planning, strategic scheduling, phased construction, safety protocols, effective communication, and flexible solutions ensure that school renovation and expansion projects have the least impact on student learning and success. By partnering with us, schools can confidently undertake necessary renovations and expansions, knowing that we will support them every step of the way.

Contact Hubrich Contracting today to learn how we can help with your school's expansion project. Together, we build better futures.

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