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BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Bloomfield, NJ

Type: Grades 9-12 Public High School
Size: 445,000 GSF.
Capacity: 1,800 Students (maximum).
Cost: \$58M.
Status: Construction completed.
Role: **Architect / Job Captain**

Summary:

The Bloomfield School District upgraded its high school with 164,000 GSF of new construction in two major additions, and 281,000 GSF of renovations to the existing historic building. MRM Architecture (now Design Ideas Group) began work on the project in 2001; I joined the firm and the project in early 2002. Construction began in December 2003 and was completed in May 2007.

This project was particularly complex due to existing conditions and site limitations. The original building was built around 1904 with three major additions since then, some of which have little documentation remaining. The site was semi-urban and already cramped so part of the additions were above existing elements to remain.

I worked as an Architect / Job Captain on the project, working closely with the Project Architect and Principal-in-Charge with assignments to certain tasks and helping out on others as needed.

Some of my responsibilities included:

- Overseeing survey of existing conditions.
- Technical development of 1st and 2nd floor plans.
- Stair & elevator design/coordination.
- Sub-consultant review and coordination.
- Second opinions on code analysis.
- Assisting with CA – submittal review and field observation.
- Preparing and occasionally making project presentations to BOE.

The project files and documents prepared were not retained for portfolio purposes.

