

East High School Salt Lake City School District Salt Lake City, Utah

Loss Event: Storm and Flood Damage

CASE STUDY

In the early morning hours in July, over 2.5 inches of rain fell in the Salt Lake City area triggering a flash flood that overwhelmed drainage systems and caused extensive damage to homes and businesses.

East High School, the iconic school used to film Disney Channel's beloved *High School Musical* trilogy, was inundated with water. The gymnasium where "Get'cha Head in the Game" was filmed and the cafeteria known for the scene "Stick to the Status Quo" were both flooded.

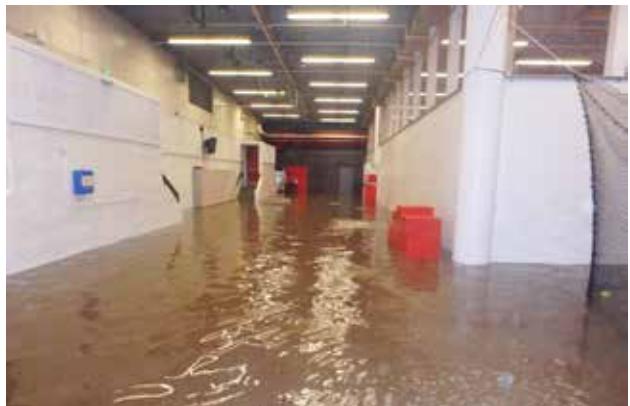
When BELFOR arrived on site, the front parking lot was covered with five feet of water. The entire basketball court had two inches of water. The wrestling room and batting cages were under 2.5 feet of water. The kitchen was destroyed. The commons area, weight rooms, locker rooms, and numerous classrooms were damaged. In total, over 200,000 square feet of the school was flooded.

After meeting with district officials, BELFOR was notified that classes were scheduled to resume from summer break in three weeks.

To prevent further damage, within the hour, BELFOR had a team on site extracting water out of the wrestling room, parking lots, and basement areas. Simultaneously, demolition of all the affected building material (drywall, insulation, carpet) started.

BELFOR called in its team of repair contractors and the race to rebuild and restore the school was underway. At its peak, BELFOR had more than 140 specialists working on the project – 10 hours a day, 7 days a week, to make the 3-week deadline. BELFOR provided temporary air conditioning so that students could register for the new school year.

BELFOR also provided environmental testing to ensure the district and public that students could safely return to school. The project was completed on time and the school year began as scheduled.



CHALLENGES:

- 3-Week Deadline To Complete Project Before New School Year Began
- Materials For Basketball Court Had To Ordered and Installed At A Later Date - Installation Was Completed In Time For Seniors To Play On New Floor

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