



Ohio Construction Coalition

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CANTON REPOSITORY SERIES ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, PRODUCED WITH O.C.C. COLLABORATION, IS UNDERWAY

After several months of working with the O.C.C. to share information and research on faulty school construction work all over the state under the Ohio School Facilities Commission (O.S.F.C.), the Canton Repository has launched the first stories in a planned series on the failing O.S.F.C. program.

O.C.C. investigator Al Adams and Calvin Jefferson of the O.C.C.’s public relations and communications firm BMA Media Group provided Repository reporters with the dozens of O.C.C. reports on the poor work in multiple school districts. The O.C.C. representatives also outlined the O.S.F.C. system, highlighted major examples of failed construction and provided insight into the host of factors that plague the state’s school construction program.

These initial stories appeared in the January 7 Canton Repository. You can access the stories by clicking these links:

Faulty work plagues some new Ohio schools

<http://www.cantonrep.com/printable.php?ID=328816>

How projects are paid for is open to interpretation

<http://www.cantonrep.com/printable.php?ID=328810>

The O.C.C. encourages its members to circulate these stories to associates and local public officials in an effort to continue to shed light on school construction issues. Please contact Calvin Jefferson at 1-888-445-8255 or info@ohioconstructioncoalition.org for more information.

O.C.C. CONTINUES INVESTIGATING FRONTIER SCHOOLS PROJECT

The O.C.C. remains intent on assisting Frontier Local School District in Southern Ohio with their legal action against the O.S.F.C. over the faulty construction of the district’s new schools. In doing so, the O.C.C. is still considering the most effective manner in which a law suit by the school district should be presented. The O.C.C. is using the services of the law firm Cosme, D’Angelo and Szollosi to work on the litigation.

The O.C.C. still needs to raise additional money in the coming months for a community fund for Frontier to continue its battle against the O.S.F.C. **Funds should be made out to “Ohio Construction Coalition” and the memo on the check should read “Frontier Legal Project;” send to Ohio Construction Coalition, 1845 Collingwood, Toledo, OH 43624.**

Contact O.C.C. co-chair Bill Brennan at 419-241-3601 for more information and to make your commitment to help.

To **report any school construction problems and successes** in your area, contact Calvin Jefferson at info@ohioconstructioncoalition.org or 1-888-445-8255.

O.C.C. INVOICES SENT OUT TO PARTICIPANTS AROUND THE STATE

With the new year, the O.C.C. has mailed out invoices for membership to labor and management members and potential members throughout Ohio. The O.C.C. has created a budget for the year, and contributions will allow the O.C.C. to not only continue its work but also to grow the organization.

Contribution requests are based on organization size and function and are outlined on invoices. The OSBCTC has approved \$10,000 for the O.C.C. for 2007.

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