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Griffin Electric completes electrical work for two Taunton schools; Bacon/Agostini Construction was construction manager

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Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc. (Griffin Electric) has completed the electrical installation work at Taunton High School and John F. Parker Middle School.

A six-phased project which began over three years ago included extensive renovations to the existing 496,500 s/f high school and the addition of a new 62,365 s/f middle school, with occupancy maintained within the high school throughout the duration of the job.

Able to accommodate approximately 3,000 students, the three-story Taunton High School was redesigned internally, allowing for reconfigured academic areas, and included all required code upgrades, with new features such as roofing, electrical systems, a fire protection sprinkler system, and entry to the school, in addition to the abatement of asbestos, renovation of HVAC systems and partial window replacement.

Originally part of the high school's main building, John F. Parker Middle School was constructed as a three-story addition to the existing academic structure, allowing for the school to function independently, while sharing the central heating plant and other building services.

The Griffin Electric team was responsible for installing new high voltage services, along with a new 4,000 amp secondary service, in addition to exterior lighting onsite. Life safety systems, including fire alarm, lightning protection and backup generator were setup by Griffin, plus state-of-the-art interior lighting, with an energy-saving lighting control system. Furthermore, telecommunications, data, clock, paging and A/V systems were integrated into the new middle school and updated high school.

Bacon/Agostini Construction, Joint Venture, based in East Providence, R.I., served as the construction manager at-risk for the project, while Gilbane Building Company, of Providence, R.I., provided the program management. Design Partnership of Cambridge (DPC) was the project architect, and RDK Engineers of Andover, the electrical engineer.

"Education is something we value at Griffin Electric," said Wayne Griffin, president of Griffin Electric. "Providing a sound learning environment for our youth is always a top-priority."

Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc. has been in the electrical contracting business since 1978. Headquartered in Holliston, MA, the company also has regional offices in Pelham, AL, Atlanta, GA, Charlotte, NC and Raleigh, NC. ENR (Engineering News-Record) ranked Griffin Electric 37th in its 2011 listing of the top 600 national specialty contractors. The company employs approximately 1200 individuals.