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Joseph Jingoli & Son is building four demonstration schools across New Jersey as part of a state program of six schools, all to be completed by mid-2009. As the construction manager at risk, the company guaranteed the state a maximum price for the construction. If the end-cost exceeded the guaranteed price, Joseph Jingoli & Son, Inc. would have to cover the difference, but Dennis Mockaitis says each project has been completed within budget, with any excess returned to the taxpayers.

"It's a very successful program that builds schools in a financially efficient and timely manner," Mockaitis says. "We would like to see more demonstration schools throughout the state. We'd like to see this program continued. We'd definitely hope legislators would see this as a positive."

The other schools in the demonstration program that Jingoli & Son has worked on include:

New Brunswick Demonstration School in New Brunswick – The \$185 million, nearly 400,000-square-foot facility on a 27-acre site – the biggest of the state's demonstration schools – is set to be completed in July 2010. The school will house approximately 2,000 students in four three-story pods connected by a central core. It will have indoor athletic facilities, an auditorium, other common spaces and administrative offices, according to the NJSDA. To ensure students stay healthy, the school district plans to offer preventative health care and dental care at the high school.

Vineland Community Demonstration School – The \$55 million school on an 11-acre plot in the city's downtown area was completed in 2007. One of its major advantages is a swimming pool, funded by the city through a new state tax credit program. It is for community use and was a local contribution because the state couldn't include a pool in the budget and program, Mockaitis says. The facility also features a community recreation center, senior center, healthcare suite and a center for students in the IMPACT pre-school program, which links family, school, healthcare and community in programs provided in a seven agency joint venture, he adds.

Trenton Daylight/Twilight Alternative High School – This \$39 million school, completed in May 2008, is geared toward those who left the education system before receiving a high school diploma. Combining education with skills programs, the school is affiliated with Mercer Community College and offers specialized training with culinary programs, media training in a TV studio and specialized industrial technology. Of the school's 104,000 square feet, 45,600 were built utilizing abandoned historic

structures, for which the project team won an historic preservation/adaptive re-use award. An interesting part of the construction was making sure the school wasn't built atop anything buried in the ground from the Revolutionary War's Battle of Trenton.

The Lord Stirling Replacement School in New Brunswick – a \$28 million kindergarten through eighth-grade school, was completed in 2002. It features specialty spaces such as a media room and a technology lab. The community school offers space for community use in the evening. Lord Stirling was the first example of a facility to be built as a shared use facility and served as the template for the demonstration schools program.

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