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Complex and Innovative Structural Repair of Severely Damaged, 1917 era School Structures



A comprehensive renovation of two existing, 1917-era concrete-framed, historic school buildings in a Midwestern city resulted in serious structural problems.



The structural problems were severe enough to require evacuation and complete closure of one of the buildings, and portions of the other, until comprehensive structural repairs could be made.



Existing long span, one-way, concrete pan joist floor systems were severely overloaded, and cracked extensively as a result.









Vertical Section Thru Typical Floor Joist Slab System

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Load bearing, structural clay tile interior corridor wall

Typical interior joist framing into window lintel

Concrete lintel over windows, with masonry above

Load bearing, brick masonry and structural clay tile exterior wall


















Transverse Cross Section Thru a Typical Concrete Floor Slab and Joist System as Actually Performing









Transverse Cross Section Thru a Typical Concrete Floor Slab and Joist System as Actually Performing











The initial portion of the repair program provided load relief to the severely distressed slab systems through careful removal of the concrete topping that had been added in the renovation program.



That was followed extensive structural epoxy injection of cracks throughout the floor slab and joists.















The structural repairs included use of carbon fiber reinforcing to provide additional shear strength to the ends of the historic concrete floor joists.







The most important aspect of the repair of the floor slab systems included use of external post-tensioned reinforcement to strengthen the ends of the floor joists in the negative moment regions.






























The repairs included installation of mechanical shear connections between the damaged concrete floor systems and the internal and external shear walls, to restore the horizontal shear transfer capacity.



Exterior Wall-to-Floor Interface

 $1 \frac{1}{2}" = 1' - 0"$

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Selected areas of the existing concrete floor slab were in such bad condition, steel plates had to be installed to bridge between the joists below to prevent punching shear failures through the slab.





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Finally, a new, lightweight, raised ceramic and metal flooring system was installed on the concrete floor slab systems to replace the concrete fill that had overloaded those floor systems during the renovation.



Vertical Section Thru New Lightweight Raised Floor System

1 1/2" = 1'-0"

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Installation of large banks of new HVAC ducts through interior load-bearing structural clay tile walls caused serious vertical displacement and near collapse of a section of the concrete floor system in one area of one of the buildings.















The partially collapsed floor system was raised back into its original orientation with a system of hydraulic jacks, and a new concrete masonry wall constructed to replace the severely damaged structural clay tile wall that originally supported the displaced floor slab section.


























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