



Interior view of the new Navasota, TX High School 1500 sq. ft. science lab classroom. Installed on-site just in three days and ready for classes to begin. All the equipment was pre-installed in-plant saving time during the installation process.

After the individual components are joined together, painters touch-up the seams where the separate components are joined together leaving a seamless science lab classroom.

GroundFORCE Building Systems Donates A New Science Laboratory Building to The Navasota, TX Independent School District

NAVASOTA, TX—Navasota High School opened its 2007-2008 school year with a brand new science lab. The 1,500 sq. ft. lab was donated to the school district by GroundFORCE Building Systems® and its Founder and CEO Kenneth Neatherlin.

About 120 students a day during eight class periods utilize the new building. “One of the really neat story lines of our new building is who built the lab. Many past students of Navasota ISD actually work in the plant that built the building. So this gift has an extra special meaning to the kids and teachers,” said Jennings Teel, superintendent of Navasota ISD.

Architects for the project were Fred and Barbie Patterson, Patterson Architects, Bryan, TX. Mr. Patterson has over 25 years experience in designing educational facilities. The lead project designer was Jeff Backhus — Navasota High School. Class of '85. The approximate cost of the science lab classroom is \$140,000.

The science building was constructed using the new construction technology developed by GroundFORCE Building Systems. The brainchild of Kenneth Neatherlin, a long time area businessman, this new construction technology uses premium materials and a highly skilled assembly crew in a step-by-step quality controlled process. He combined this experience with the craftsmanship learned in a successful site-built home building business to perfect the GroundFORCE Building Systems concept— the first movable concrete slab building that is built off-site in a factory then delivered to the site and set in place.

This construction method starts on a true concrete foundation. Once the structure is built on the foundation it is delivered to the site using a patented building and delivery system. The result is a finished building on a concrete foundation that is then positioned on drilled concrete piers. This foundation system virtually eliminates any cracks caused by shifting soils.

Centara Building Technologies™, a GroundFORCE licensed manufacturing facility, constructed the classroom building in its 250,000 sq. ft. Navasota, TX plant. Centara is a provider of factory built quality buildings for residential and commercial use and employees over 70 people locally.

“Tom Hulon of Navasota ISD approached me to discuss our new patented construction technology after he had seen a presentation of the GroundFORCE Building Systems. Together he and of Navasota Superintendent Teel worked with us to develop the classroom. I offered to donate the building once I saw the impact it would make

for the school, the students, the teachers, the administrators, the school board and our company. Both Teel and Hulon had informed me of their need for laboratory classroom space. I had been working on some ideas to build classrooms that could utilize our unique patented concrete floor system.”

Neatherlin noted the GroundFORCE System was also used to build the new box office and restroom facilities at the football stadium.

“We are part of this community and we wanted to give something back and we couldn't think of a better way than to give something as important as a place for the education of our kids. They are the future. It is an honor and a privilege and we take great pride in the fact that this building is a lasting example of the kind of work of which we are capable,” continued Neatherlin.

Coach Sonny Soltis, head of the science department and a 30 year teacher, says, “The lab provides a building that is more conducive to learning. Now we don't have to bring all our equipment into the history classroom to hold class anymore. We have a real lab.”

Coach Solis has already noticed a difference in his students' interest levels. “The kids are as excited as I am,” he adds. “We are a pretty close community and this building has caused quite a stir among the kids. GroundFORCE used three sections to put the building together and it was exciting to see the individual components come together. It was like instant building. Each concrete slab foundation fit like a glove. Our students are very proud of the new lab.”

GroundFORCE Building Systems plans to expand its efforts in the educational building category as well as several other selective categories.

“This new building system has created quite a bit of interest,” said Neatherlin. “We have built branch banks, medical facilities, fast food and other types of structures using this patented system and we are currently building a convenience store for delivery in Temple, TX. Now that we have perfected the GroundFORCE Building System process we are looking for qualified designers, engineers, management and other professionals to join us in establishing our brand and implement our strategic plan,” Neatherlin concluded.

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