

## **Roofing Project Completed for Hancock County Schools**



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Leaking roofs in the gymnasium of Hancock Central High School became a major community stressor during the past school term as the basketball season began and scheduled games had to be canceled and rescheduled. Enraged citizens flooded the local newspaper and social media with steaming complaints about the faltering roofs as well as other issues as the Hancock County Board of Education worked diligently to patch leaks and keep the school in operating condition.

Hats off to the Hancock County Board of Education and the maintenance staff. *No leaking roofs now exists in any school facility!* A progress report on the roofing as of July 6, 2017, announced that new roofing now covers all school buildings, with a guarantee of 20 years of leak-proof service. In addition to roofing, the canopy located on the back of M. E. Lewis Elementary school has been replaced. The roofing project and other minor maintenance occurred as a result of the SPLOST initiative voters approved during the primary election.

Contractors worked continuously throughout the summer to complete the roofing project prior to the opening of school. The roofing project was scheduled in keeping with the safety practices. Hancock County Schools Maintenance Department provides quality building maintenance services to insure a safe, comfortable, and conducive environment free from noise and other interruptions to the day-to-day schooling process.

In addition to major repairs such as the leaking roofs, the maintenance department provide routine service, minor service, and preventive maintenance on a daily basis. The staff also works hard to demonstrate excellence and efficiency in keeping buildings, grounds, landscapes, athletic fields, and all facilities clean, free of debris, and prepared for daily use.