



Application:
Public School System

Location:
Baldwinsville Central
School District;
Baldwinsville, New York

Products:
SL-17, SL-16

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A Decade Later: Special-Lite Doors Still Have More Life

On the job since 2001 as Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds for the public school system of Baldwinsville, New York, Steve Rosenberger could not recall any significant problems the school had ever had with its Special-Lite Fiberglass Reinforced Polyester doors. The result of a large replacement project in the 1990s, roughly 60 percent of the district's exterior entrances were hung with Special-Lite SL-17 FRP Doors when Rosenberger came on board, with that percentage growing in the years since through an ongoing replacement program.

Unlike the doors at his previous district, where there were fairly regular problems securing entrances, and unlike Baldwinsville's remaining hollow metal doors, which in some cases have rusted or deteriorated, Baldwinsville's Special-Lite Doors have remained solid and secure year after year.

Those Special-Lite FRP doors seem to last forever,” Rosenberger said. “They never deteriorate. They certainly do their job.” Rosenberger is happy to report that among the district’s Special-Lite Doors, there have been no issues with rust or corrosion in well over a decade.

The doors have exhibited no damage from vandalism or other abuse. At Baldwinsville, the only evidence that the doors aren’t brand new is a slightly faded color in certain entrances.

Architects That Prize Long-Term Relationships Prefer Special-Lite Doors

King & King Architects LLP in nearby Syracuse has been proud to serve as the architectural firm of record for Baldwinsville Central School District since 1985, first using Special-Lite Doors on a district project in 1997, a combination of SL-17 FRP Doors and SL-16 Aluminum Flush Doors. Founded in 1868, King & King is the oldest architectural firm in New York and the fifth oldest in the country. Approximately 70 percent of its work is repeat clients, so it goes without saying that long-term relationships and long-term product performance are important to the firm.

“A lot of the Special-Lite doors we installed in the ‘90s at Baldwinsville look new today,” said Craig Dailey, a King & King architect that has been working with the district for 12 years. “They age very well. We like the way the door holds up to abuse and the elements. We’ve never had to replace a Special-Lite door because of corrosion.”

Dailey also appreciates the superior thermal performance of the SL-17 door’s FRP face sheet and urethane foam core compared to hollow metal or wood doors. Although doors will have less of an impact on energy efficiency than properly insulated windows and walls, he believes there is an impact.

Special-Lite FRP doors are the baseline standard for exterior doors in King & King Architects’ K-12 Studio since the firm first used the door in a school in 1986. The SL-17 Doors are also commonly used on the firm’s health care and higher education projects.



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