



**Owner:**

*Buffalo Board of Education*

**Location:**

*City of Buffalo, Erie County*

**Completion Date:**

*On-going*

**Services:**

- *Asbestos Survey*
- *Asbestos Design*
- *Lead Based Paint Testing*
- *Asbestos/Lead Consulting and Contract Administration*

The former St. Mary of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church on Genesee Street in Buffalo, New York was slated for demolition by the Diocese of Buffalo. When this became known, a group consisting of concerned former parishioners, the Preservation Coalition of Erie County, and community-minded individuals banded together to forge a coalition to save the elegant structure. As a result of their concerted efforts, the building has been converted into the King Center Charter School, Buffalo's first charter school.

Watts Engineers has been involved in the restoration since 1996 as a sub consultant to Hamilton Houston Lownie architects. We have conducted asbestos and lead inspections as well as provided asbestos abatement design and contract administration services. Watts Engineers continues to provide asbestos/lead consulting on an as needed basis.