

Gulfpoint Construction Announces Opening of Hector A. Cafferata, Jr. K-8 School, the First P3 Campus in Lee County

The K-8 campus marks School District of Lee County's first public-private partnership school, delivering modern facilities ahead of the new academic year.

CAPE CORAL, FL, UNITED STATES, August 5, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Gulfpoint Construction Company](#) is proud to announce the opening of the new [Hector A. Cafferata, Jr. K-8 School](#) in Cape Coral, Florida, a state-of-the-art campus delivered in partnership with the [School District of Lee County](#). This flagship project transforms the former Hector A. Cafferata, Jr. Elementary into a modern K-8 facility, welcoming students to a brand-new campus in northwest Cape Coral.



front aerial view of the Hector A. Cafferata, Jr. K-8 School

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A Landmark Gulfpoint Project

The new Hector A. Cafferata, Jr. K-8 School is the School District of Lee County's first public-private partnership (P3) build and a milestone project in Gulfpoint Construction's portfolio of educational facilities. Selected through a competitive process, Gulfpoint was entrusted to provide a turnkey solution – from design coordination through construction – on the district's 31-acre site in northwest Cape Coral.

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community-critical work where schedule, budget, and quality all matter,” said Tommy Huether, Vice President & Project Manager of Gulfpoint Construction. “We are honored to help bring

students back to a permanent, modern campus and to support the district's vision for a full K-8 program."

Cost Savings and Schedule Certainty

Under the P3 structure, Gulfpoint partnered closely with the School District of Lee County to streamline delivery, minimize risk, and create long-term value for taxpayers. The agreement is focused on time and cost efficiencies – without private financing or long-term management contracts – ensuring the facility remains fully public and district-owned.

By integrating design and construction and locking in major project components early, Gulfpoint helped the district reduce exposure to cost escalation, accelerate the project schedule, and limit change orders typically associated with traditional bid-build methods. This approach allowed construction to move rapidly from groundbreaking to completion and supports the district's goal of delivering more classroom seats at a competitive cost per student station.

Built for Capacity, Resilience, and Learning

The new Hector A. Cafferata, Jr. K-8 campus significantly expands student capacity compared to the original elementary school, providing space for approximately 1,800 students and dedicated middle-grade facilities. The design supports enrollment growth in the Burnt Store Road corridor while giving students a complete K-8 pathway in a single, cohesive campus.

Following the severe damage to the prior building from Hurricane Ian, Gulfpoint prioritized



Hector A. Cafferata, Jr K-8 School Sign



The main entrance of Hector A. Cafferata, Jr. K-8 School, Lee County's first public-private partnership campus.

resilience, safety, and energy efficiency in the new construction. The campus incorporates elevated site planning, robust life-safety systems, improved traffic circulation, and modern classroom technology to support high-quality teaching and learning across all grade levels.

Partnership with the School District of Lee County

From the initial negotiations through groundbreaking in May 2025, Gulfpoint and the School District of Lee County have worked side-by-side to bring this project from concept to reality. The collaboration reflects a shared commitment to rebuilding stronger after Hurricane Ian and providing students and staff with a safe, inspiring place to learn.

“We view this project as a model for how the private sector and public schools can partner to deliver complex facilities faster and smarter,” said Adam Molloy, Gulfpoint’s Strategic Development & Project Manager. “The School District of Lee County set a clear vision, and our team was proud to help execute it.”

About Gulfpoint Construction Company

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