

New school front to be torn down

NEWARK — The state's troubled schools construction program has agreed to tear down the front of a Neptune school that was almost finished because it was contaminated by mold.

The Schools Construction Corp. agreed this week to begin the demolition work at the Midtown Community School to get rid of gypsum the mold grew on, The Star-Ledger of Newark reported on its Web site.

The school, which was to open this fall, is now expected to be ready, at the earliest, in the fall of 2008, officials said.

It's the second time the SCC, created to upgrade schools in poor communities, has had to tear down a building.

In 2006, Trenton's partially built Martin Luther King Elementary School had to be torn down because there was contaminated soil underneath.

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