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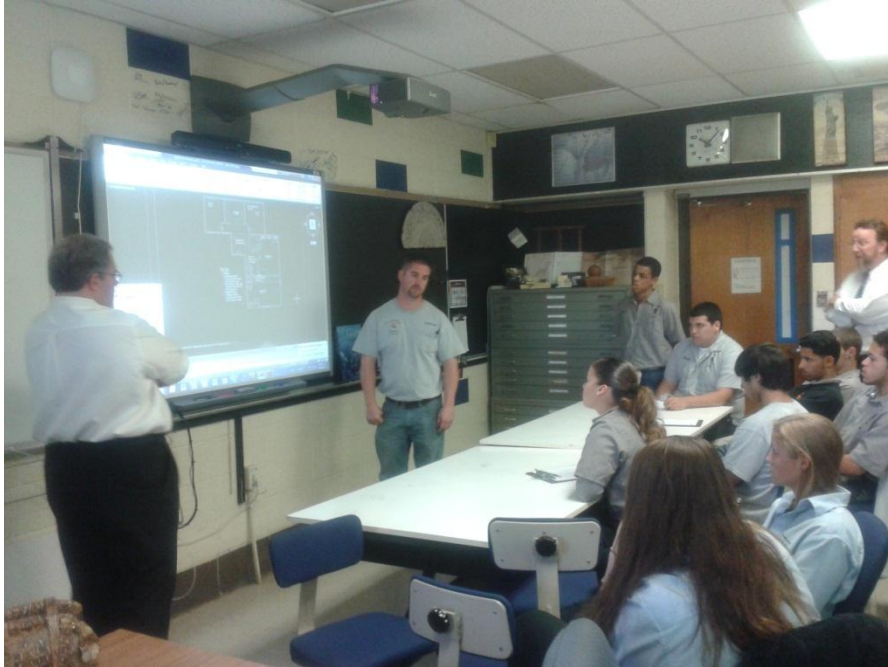
On June 28, 2012, the SVFT purchased an 1841 house located at 439 Main Street in Wallingford, CT. The plans for the house, which was selected due to its dilapidated condition and central location, are to have the students and trade instructors from the CTHSS perform all the needed renovations. The project provides not only financial support for the CTHSS, but demonstrates our members' commitment to the quality vocational education our members provide. Once completed, the property will be used as the union office for the SVFT.



During the summer of 2012, the SVFT officers and volunteers began the arduous task of removing the internal walls, ceilings, and carpets. The fireplaces, which were crumbling, had to be removed as well.

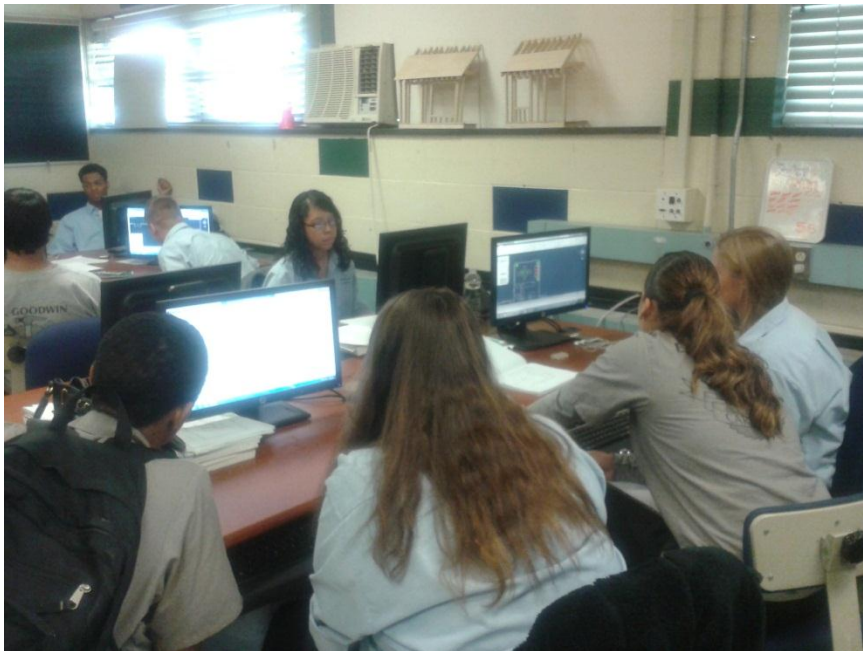
Everyone's number one priority was a safe environment for our students and instructors to work. While testing for hazardous materials, asbestos was found in many of the underlying floors. Abatement for the hazardous material was completed in early November.





Planning the renovations requires collaboration between departments and schools. The architectural students at Platt THS in Milford worked with the carpentry students from Goodwin THS in New Britain. Students who would never have had the opportunity to work together are now

seeing first-hand how architects, engineers, and carpenters must work together in a real-world setting.



Students, with their teachers, worked together to plan how the structure will be supported during the extensive renovations. This project provides many challenges: one floor has to be supported while another floor is replaced; collar ties have to be added for the roof to be made structurally sound;

support beams need to be repositioned and replaced. Even one section of the roof will need to be raised. Students will be working with materials and structures not used for over a century. The instructors are excited about the unique learning opportunity the project provides.

Mark Belade brought his Emmett O'Brien HVAC students to the site to take the measurements needed to calculate the heating and air conditioning unit as well as the air handlers. All duct work will be made by the students in their shop in Ansonia, then brought to the site and installed by them as well.



In addition to the HVAC work, Eli Whitney students will install the plumbing and fixtures, Vinal students will do the wiring and electrical work, and other students throughout the system will work on the

cabinetry, mason work, staircases, IT and security installation, metal fixtures, and even the curtains.