



We opened our first storefront school in the State of Michigan in 2007 with the help of Evangelista Corporation. The process of opening a school in a retail storefront in Michigan was new to our company and frankly new to the staff at Evangelista. We had a very tight timeline and Evangelista was willing to put in the time to meet those deadlines. What was great with this experience was the constantly changing requirements heaped on us from the State of Michigan versus the actual scope of work that was agreed. With the great help of Evangelista, we were able to meet the additional requirements from the state and still provide a unique and wonderful learning environment for students. It became the flagship for the state and for other school districts within the state to visit.

In 2011, Evangelista was contracted to open another storefront school in the City of Detroit for our company. With the State of Michigan overseeing the project again, we felt confident that our tight timeline again would be met. To our satisfaction, Evangelista assigned a dedicated site superintendent solely for our project. Even with the first school in 2007 under our belts, the State of Michigan still threw some unexpected changes at the project, which were met by Evangelista quite well. We now have a second storefront school opened in Michigan in a challenging area of Detroit. Evangelista's quality of work is excellent with many students commenting that they couldn't believe the facility was constructed just for their use. This is a great testament to the appreciation of the long hours of hard work that went into creating a school to help provide opportunity to students who otherwise would not have it.

Thanks to Mark A. Evangelista, P.E. and his crews for creating these wonderful schools for students who need a second chance.

Sincerely,
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