Stonhard Provides Contemporary Cafeteria Floors for Cedar Springs Middle School

Stonhard’s Stonres RTZ, a urethane-based system, gave Cedar Springs Middle School a hardworking floor with dramatic designs.

Products used at Cedar Springs Middle School:
• Stonres® RTZ

Schools are not only defined by their academic performance, but also the ability to provide students and faculty with environments that foster learning – this does not only pertain to classrooms and libraries, but can extend to cafeterias as well. Cedar Springs Middle School recognized the need to upgrade and understood that floors would be a consequential part of areas of their facility improvements.

Can Design meet Function?
Appreciating that cafeterias should be innovative and inspiring rooms that welcome children, parents and staff members for a multitude of events, the Assistant Superintendent of Cedar Springs sought a diverse and contemporary look to enhance the school cafeteria. However, having seen a limited array of flooring products on the market, he was skeptical about his options. While the floor needed to meet design aesthetics, in doing so, it could not compromise on performance. The daily wear and tear of over 500 students, return on investment, and janitorial maintenance were all requirements of the customer. Stonhard assured it could meet these demands and was selected for the project.

A Flooring Company with the Right Solution
Stonhard offers what few flooring companies can provide – a decorative, seamless, long-lasting, quiet floor. Stonhard assessed the problems facing the cafeteria and recommended Stonres RTZ, a urethane-based system infused with rubber aggregate chips, allowing for impact and abrasion resistance, along with acoustic efficiency. Stonres RTZ is also extremely easy to clean, which boosts maintenance personnel morale.

To meet design specifications, Stonhard installed a checkerboard design of onyx and linen colors using inlaid plastic strips. A winding aisle in yellow was added to form a walking path from the front doors into the main dining area. This resulted in a clean and crisp look, while highlighting entrances and exits. Additionally, Stonhard applied Stonres RTZ in the restrooms; the application
involved a blended tweed patterned floor which meshed well with the new checkerboard tile walls. After the system was in place, a final topcoat was applied to protect the surface. Within 48 hours the floor was ready – just in time for 7th & 8th grade lunch periods!

“This cafeteria floor is everything [Stonhard] said it would be. Great sound absorption, excellent cleanability and the color pattern is perfect for our creative student body,” said Ken See, Principal for Cedar Springs Middle School.

Stonhard Flooring Receives an A+
Stonhard’s floors at Cedar Springs motivate staff, students and parents with bright, bold colors and patterns. In doing so, they have helped fuel an environment that is educational and imaginative.