

Lacy Construction Completes New School Renovation

Quick and Reliable Construction Provides Shoemaker Elementary with Room to Grow

Returning students arriving at the Shoemaker Elementary School, in Grand Island, Nebraska, will find themselves with a new place to learn and grow, thanks to a three phase remodeling project recently completed by the Lacy Construction Company.

The completed renovation saw the school's footprint expand by more than 21,000-square-feet in the form of two additions to the North end and Southwest side of the existing building. These additions would soon be home to five new classrooms, large restrooms, storage space, an entire new office space, as well as a commons area that serves as both a lunch room and large serving kitchen.

More than 18,000-square-feet of the school's existing open concept building was significantly transformed, all while school activities remained in session. This phase included an additional eight new classrooms, a large media center, a nurse's station, a music room, three intervention rooms and much needed storage space.

Lacy Construction Company delivers reliable construction for all remodeling projects

Thanks to Lacy's dedication to building safe and reliable structures, the school's new design implemented features meant to improve the overall safety and comfort of both students and faculty alike. For instance, the interior features are mostly painted CMU walls, carpet and rubber flooring. You'll find acoustic ceilings and solid core oak doors throughout the building.

Temperature control is now available in each room, thanks to the new heating and air package. In addition, classrooms now benefit from projectors with projection screens, as well as up-to-date electrical, data and fire alarm systems to keep up with the world's ever-changing technologies.

Ensuring students are safe during incidents of severe weather, as well as for parental peace of mind, two of the larger classrooms were constructed using precast concrete planks on the ceiling. Meanwhile, storm shutters were also installed at the windows in order for these areas to serve as storm shelters during school hours.

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New school construction design brings the "wow factor" to new and returning students

The 'wow factor' would come in the form of the new main entry and office additions, where Lacy installed a large brick tower that sports a cast aluminum Shoemaker Eagle to inform new students and visitors where to find the entrance. Just inside, a large wall of windows features large canopies that allow natural light into the expansive commons area. With a high exposed structure composed of floating acoustic ceiling clouds and multi-colored frames hanging beneath,

this commons area is one beautiful sight to behold.

Such a sight in fact, that the school opted to hold the retirement party for Grand Island Public Schools Superintendent

Dr. Winters in that exact location. If it weren't for Dr. Winters, the transformation may never have come to fruition.

This was no insignificant school construction project, requiring a complete gut and remodel of the 18,000-square-foot space, in addition to the two new builds required to give everyone at Shoemaker Elementary the space and accommodations they needed. However, that didn't stop the team at Lacy Construction from finishing the project before the students began to file back in at the end of summer break.

The whole process was described as "fast and furious," but in the end, the Lacy Construction company did what they always do — come through for their clients, time and time again.

Pictured at left is the finished product of the renovation of the former Donna's Fashions building at 206-208 N. Wheeler Avenue. Performance Plus has relocated their headquarters to this convenient downtown

Performance Plus Corporate Headquarters Grand Island, Nebraska



Shoemaker Elementary Classroom Addition

Grand Island location to accommodate vendors who frequent their corporate offices.

During the renovation, Lacy Construction uncovered an interior wall that was lettered with advertising for "carriages, wagon and farm implements," "cream separators," "Bull Durham Tobacco" and "Thos. Cusack Co. — Chicago."

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