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Madeira High School Opens Renovated Commons Building

Madeira High School's (MHS) Commons Building renovation, which began last spring, is nearing completion.

In 2014 the Planning Commission recommended to the school board that the wing be updated after its study that looked into current needs, usage, similar schools' facilities, and the feasibility of renovating. The Commons Building renovation project was added to the Permanent Improvement Plan the following year.

Work on the project has been ongoing since the end of last school year and over the summer. The Commons Building now contains new fully operational kitchen, cafeteria, art and music areas. "Work continues in the auditorium area at this time," Madeira Assistant Superintendent Dave Bergan stated. "We are extremely excited with the newly renovated spaces that our students and staff have been able to enjoy in the midst of this unique school year and we look forward to the day when we can fully open our doors to the Madeira community to enjoy these updated spaces."

In the music area, a band storage room was added, flooring was updated, and acoustical tiles were added to the ceiling and walls. The new area also includes a multipurpose classroom next to the new band storage room. The design to update the cafeteria opened up a wall out into the hallway so students are now able to spread out and eat throughout the entire corridor area. The new configuration also allows students to get hot meals, sandwiches, fruit trays, drinks and salads from different areas, as opposed to standing in one line – all of which follow Covid safety guidelines.

The art room houses more tables and floor space that now provides ample seating and distance between students. Each student has a custom made drawer to store all of their art supplies. New cabinetry and countertops provide ample storage space and the ability for quality demonstrations. Rubber flooring, glass doors, and larger windows were added – as well as adjustable lighting. MHS art teacher Jill Dulgeroff is pleased with the renovation and said, "The new art room space was built around 21st century art production in mind."

Madeira partnered with MSA Architects to redesign and reinvent the MHS Commons Building.



The new MHS cafeteria (left) and art room (right) feature plexiglass panels with ample space for students.