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Madeira High School's Renovation Project Complete

With the reconstruction of Madeira High School's (MHS) Medert Auditorium, one of the school's main buildings is now completely renovated.

Upgrades to the MHS Commons Building which houses the school's cafeteria and kitchen, art and band rooms, and Medert Auditorium was not included in the building's 2006 high school renovations. The project was the result of a recommendation to the school board after a 2014 Planning Commission study, and was added to the district's Permanent Improvement Plan in 2015. Madeira partnered with MSA Architects and HGC Construction to redesign and reinvent the MHS Commons Building with construction beginning in the summer of 2020. Students began to use the cafeteria, art and music areas in the fall of 2020 and Medert Auditorium last month with the entire project coming in under budget.

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," stated Madeira Assistant Superintendent Dave Bergan. "When we are able, we can now fully open our doors to the Madeira community to enjoy these updated spaces."

Improvements include a new serving area for students to increase efficiency and flow, updated furniture, and an expanded hallway area in the cafeteria. In the kitchen, updated equipment, new lighting fixtures, ceiling panels, and flooring – as well as a curved island with electric outlets for students during the day and serving for events. The art room was given custom cabinets, an updated dark room and kiln, new furniture with pull down power cords, and new flooring. A new acoustic paneled ceiling, a Viewsonic interactive teaching panel and sound system, and new flooring was installed in the band room. A new band storage and multi-purpose room was also added.

The final leg of the project was the renovation of the school's Medert Auditorium, which made its debut at a recent MHS Band & Choir Concert celebrating Music in Schools month. It features new lighting and audio systems with remote data controls, accessibility upgrades including a lift to the stage, and sound panels and ceiling tiles to ensure optimum acoustics. New seats were installed along with new carpeting and flooring, as well as a mezzanine to house lighting and a/v equipment. The size of the stage was increased, and the lobby area was expanded to allow easier flow in and out of the theater. Overflow patrons will be able to watch performances from lobby monitors.

Madeira School Board President Richard Palmer said of the wing's completion, "It is exciting to see this project come to life after years of planning and saving. Medert Auditorium and the Commons Building are one of the few areas utilized by our entire district and we look forward to the community attending a performance in this great new space."



Madeira High School's Medert Auditorium before (left) and after (right) the Commons Building renovation