

# STONHARD® Solutions

## *Cedar Springs Middle School Cafeteria Feeds Minds and Mouths With Floors That Inspire*

Products used at Cedar Springs Middle School:

- Stonres® RTZ



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

For many people the image of a middle school cafeteria evokes childhood memories – the aroma of grilled cheese sandwiches and fish sticks in a room filled with endless rows of long tables and benches set on bland linoleum floors. But school cafeterias have changed. These rooms are now considered dining rooms, multi-purpose rooms and gathering

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places where more than hot lunches get served. They are innovative, inspired rooms that welcome children, parents and staff members for a multitude of events.

When Cedar Springs Middle School in Cedar Springs, Michigan redesigned their building, the cafeteria became a favorite inspiration for the Assistant Superintendent who was seeking a diverse and contemporary look for the school.

Having seen a limited array of flooring products on the market, the Assistant Superintendent was skeptical about his options. Planning for the cafeteria brought many concerns to the surface. Would the floor stand up to the daily wear and tear of over 500 students and faculty? Would it give the decision makers a solid return on their investment? Would the janitorial staff be able to keep up with the maintenance of such a huge area on a daily basis? Will students feel comfortable and safe in this environment?

Stonhard's answer to all of the questions was yes.

Stonhard offers what few flooring companies can provide -- a decorative, seamless, long-lasting, impact and abrasion resistant as well as quiet floor. Stonres RTZ is a urethane-based system infused with rubber aggregate chips that creates exceptional acoustic efficiency. Stonres RTZ is also easy to clean. Maintenance personnel need only a mop and bucket to keep floors sparkling.

A checkerboard design of onyx and linen colors was installed in the Cedar Springs cafeteria. It was created 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. The look is clean and crisp while the patterns are useful in directing people into the room and in and out of entrances and exits.

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!

Stonhard also installed floors with Stonres RTZ in the restrooms at Cedar Springs Middle School. The blended tweed patterns in the Stonhard floor meshed with the checkerboard tile walls for a fresh look. The decision makers for the school are thrilled with the floors that incorporate forward-thinking design features with hardworking, high performance.

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Stonhard’s floors at Cedar Springs motivate staff, students and parents with bright, bold colors and patterns and have helped to fuel an environment that is educational and imaginative.

### **The Stonhard Difference**

Stonhard is the unprecedented world leader in manufacturing and installing high-performance polymer floor, wall and lining systems. Stonhard maintains 300 Territory Managers and 175 application crews worldwide who will work with you on design specification, project management, final walk through and service after the sale. Stonhard’s single-source warranty covers both products and installation.



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*The cafeteria entry is bold and creative while providing direction.*



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