



## Case Study: Lehigh Senior High School



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### **PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE**

**PROJECT:** Lehigh Senior High School Cafeteria Renovation  
**LOCATION:** Lehigh Senior High School, Lehigh Acres, FL  
(Lee County School District)  
**MARKET:** Education

### **ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGE**

While working on its renovation project, client Lehigh Senior High School wanted a flooring option that would perform for years to come in one of its highest traffic areas – the cafeteria. In addition to the performance aspect, Lehigh Senior High School needed a solution that was easy to install, even over subfloor imperfections, budget-friendly and met its lead time to complete the project. The school also needed a flooring solution that could offer attractive styling that would complement its brand.

### **MAKING A CHANGE**

Lehigh Senior High School had used another manufacturer's LVT on new construction projects in the past, however; the team noticed that on renovation projects, the product was too rigid and showcases the imperfections of the subfloor in the existing spaces.

This led the team at Lehigh Senior High School to consider other options that would be easier on its installation team. One of the options the school turned to was Matuto Plus Stone from Mohawk Group because the flooring was more pliable than the competitor's product. This benefit would ultimately make the installation easier as the product would be able to conceal most of the subfloor imperfections with less floor prep.

### **EXCEEDING WITH RESULTS**

As they evaluated different flooring options, the main consideration for the team at Lehigh Senior High School was performance. They needed to be sure that the selected product would not let them down in an extremely high traffic area. In order to make sure that this product would meet their standards, the School District of Lee County decided to put Mohawk Group's Matuto Plus Stone LVT to the test. Several mock-up installations were rolled out in high traffic environments throughout the school district. After being down for two years, the ability of the M-Force wear layer to withstand the different demanding environments that it was installed in exceeded the expectations of the School District



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of Lee County. The option that Mohawk Group provided was able to offer better performance than the competitor's product that was already in use, and the product was also easier to install than the competition. After seeing the way this product performed in a real life setting, the School District of Lee County approved the specification of Matuto Plus Stone in their schools. Lehigh Senior High School has been ecstatic with its decision to specify Matuto Plus Stone LVT from Mohawk Group. The product did not just meet the team's expectations of being beautiful and extremely tough, it exceeded them. The principal at Lehigh Senior High School, Jackie Corey, has even expressed her desire to cover every floor in the school with Mohawk Group products after this experience. Additionally, the installation at Lehigh Senior High School was so successful that the School District of Lee County is starting to move away from VCT all together and specifying Matuto Plus Stone LVT as the replacement product.



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