

New Look, Same Commitment to Excellence at David E. Williams Middle School

Students who enthusiastically returned to the halls of David E. Williams were greeted by a myriad of familiar faces. While classmates, faculty, and staff remained the same, the facilities of DEW received a major overhaul during summer break. Contractors worked diligently to update, modernize, and aesthetically enhance an expansive array of fixtures throughout the building.

Initiatives included the removal and replacement of 26,000 square feet of asbestos tile, the repainting of classrooms and ancillary areas, and safety measures to prevent potentially hazardous materials from remaining on school grounds. On the artistic front, Spartan themed murals and vinyl logos were added throughout various portions of the building, significantly enhancing the daily student experience.

Middle School Principal Dom Salpeck lauded the expeditious and professional manner in which the revisions were conducted, noting, “A healthy degree of uncertainty always accompanies a project with this degree of ambition and technical expertise, but I was beyond impressed with this skillfulness demonstrated by all those involved. They understood our mission of enhancing the student experience and bought in completely to the vision we had for DEW. I know our students will undoubtedly benefit from DEW’s fresh face.”

School Board member Mark Hutter added, “We at Montour firmly believe that our facilities are second to none. That does not mean that we can be fall into the trap of complacency and turn a blind eye to potential avenues for improvement. These renovations will bolster an already outstanding institution for scholastic achievement and afford our students the opportunity to feel more at home in their surroundings. We on the board could not be more excited.”