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"The biggest improvement due to the new furniture is flexibility. Teachers and students have the ability to enhance the learning environment and modify the classroom to fit the needs of each lesson and each student."

-Andrew McGinnis,
Gregory-Portland High School Teacher

A MooreCo Render to Reality™ Success Story

Gregory-Portland High School:

A Future-Ready Renovation

In the coastal region of South Texas, a high school with a 22-year history embarked on a mission to modernize its learning environment. This wasn't a ground-up construction project, but a revitalization effort aimed at breathing new life into a well-worn building. 60 classrooms, the media center, and the front offices were all slated for a complete furniture overhaul. The goal was not just to replace old furniture, but to create a cohesive and inspiring learning environment that would serve the diverse needs of the student body and foster collaboration and innovation.

The district sought out furniture durable enough to withstand the rigors of daily use, yet flexible enough to accommodate a variety of teaching styles and learning activities. The spaces needed to be modern and inviting, yet timeless enough to remain relevant for years.

The school district selected PPG Furnishings as their partner in this ambitious project after PPG submitted detailed renderings created by MooreCo that brought the district's vision to life. "We are

thrilled to have partnered with Gregory-Portland ISD to create dynamic and engaging learning spaces that inspire students and foster academic success. By combining MooreCo's exceptional products with our expertise in educational design, we have delivered a comprehensive solution that exceeds the district's expectations," explains Conrad J. Arriola, Managing Director at PPG Furnishings.

One of the key elements of the renovation was the introduction of porcelain steel dry erase desktops. 1,800 durable porcelain steel top desks and tables and 2,200 chairs were acquired to fill classrooms, art rooms, and science labs. Proven to encourage collaboration and creativity, dry erase desktops are an extraordinary tool to create dynamic, active-learning spaces for diverse learners to take notes, share ideas, and doodle.

Only available through MooreCo, porcelain steel is 2.5x harder and 2x more scratch resistant than standard laminate dry erase surfaces. Its smooth surface is bacterial resistant and resists delamination when cleaned with chemicals, resulting in a healthier

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environment for students. The surface offers superior writability and erasability, reduces eye glare, does not ghost, and their magnetic surface provides a unique and versatile platform for learning. Most importantly, MooreCo porcelain steel is backed by a 50-year surface guarantee. Standard dry erase desks breakdown in as little as 3–5 years, leaving the district with a financial burden and making a lasting impact on the environment.

[Hierarchy Creator Rectangle Desks](#) and [Hierarchy Activity Tables](#) can be rearranged in countless ways and are staples in an active classroom. Paired with [Hierarchy 4-Leg Chairs](#), these classrooms can be adapted to fit nearly any teaching style and accommodate all learners. Inclusive furnishings that meet the sensory needs of students like [Soft Sway Rocking Chairs](#) and sit-to-stand [Up-Rite Student Desks](#) ensure that all students can find their ideal place to learn.

The flexibility of MooreCo's furniture solutions was another crucial factor in the district's decision. The media center is divided into distinct sections and filled with shelving, comfortable soft seating, and community tables, transforming it into a vibrant hub for learning and interaction.

Mobile, modular furniture fills the center of the media space, allowing students and teachers to easily reconfigure the space for group instruction, presentations, and collaboration. [Cocoon Benches](#) backed with bookshelves, [Elevate Wind Cubes](#), and [Round Café Pedestal Tables](#) serve as the focal point of the media center as an intimate place to gather.

A large study zone is outfitted with standing height [Community Tables](#) and [Inklud™ T-Leg Tables](#) with casters for easy reconfigurability, allowing for group work, individual study, or one-on-one instruction.

"The adaptability not only supports a variety of learning styles but also promotes engagement and productivity, making the library a more dynamic space for learning."

–Michelle Costilla,
Gregory-Portland High School Librarian

The impact of the renovation was immediate. As Chris Casarez, Purchasing Coordinator at Gregory-Portland ISD reflects on the project, he notes, "The feedback from the teachers and students has been overwhelmingly positive. They love the new furniture, and they appreciate the flexibility it provides." Teachers found themselves more engaged and enthusiastic, empowered by the flexibility and functionality of the new furniture. The porcelain steel desks, in particular, became a symbol of the school's commitment to quality and innovation.

The success of this project serves as a testament to the power of thoughtful design and quality furniture in transforming educational spaces. The partnership with PPG Furnishings and MooreCo has created spaces that are not only visually appealing but also designed to enhance student engagement, productivity, and overall well-being. By investing in high-quality furniture, Gregory-Portland ISD demonstrates its commitment to providing students with the best possible learning experience. ■

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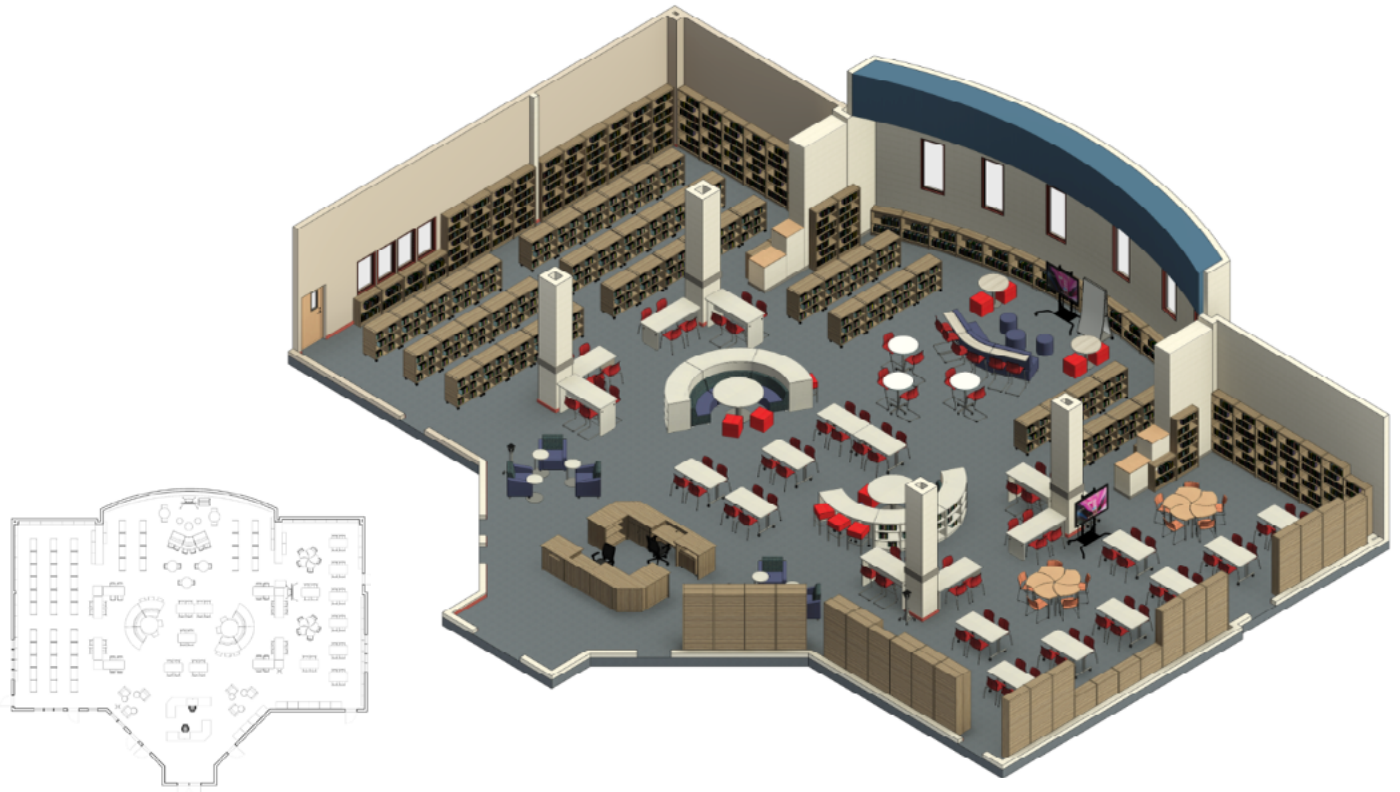


Rendering of work spaces in media center.



Final installation of work spaces in media center.

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Final installation of media center.

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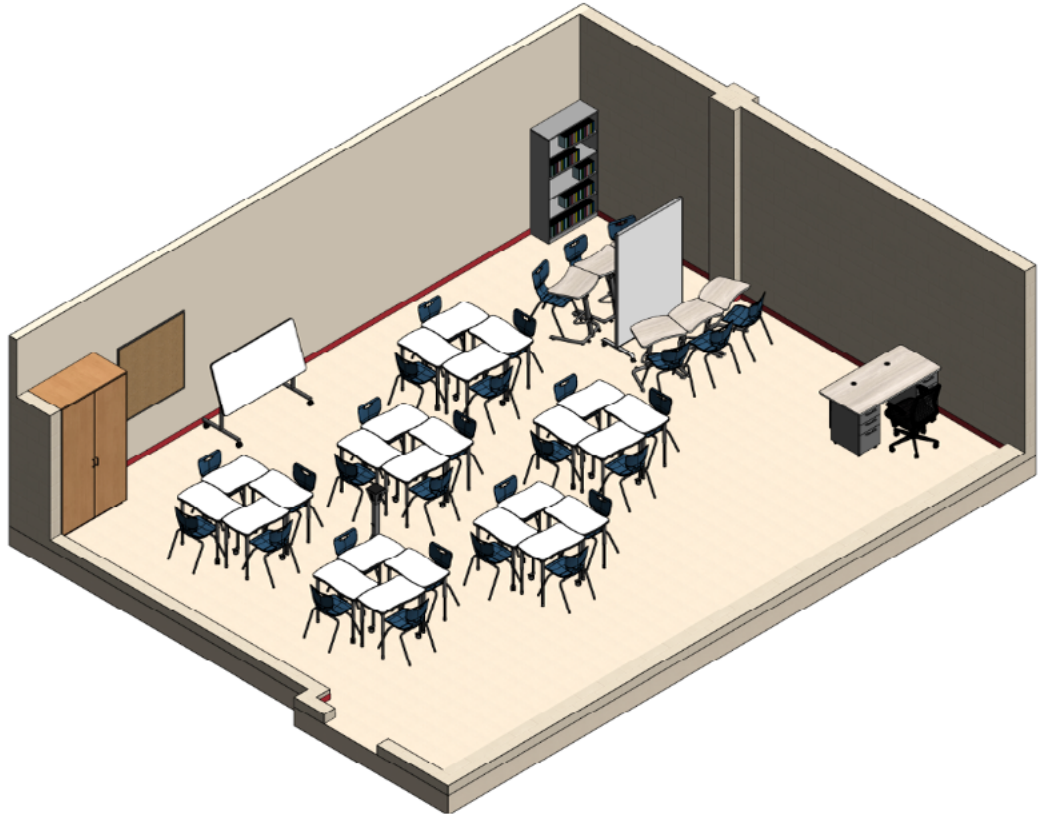
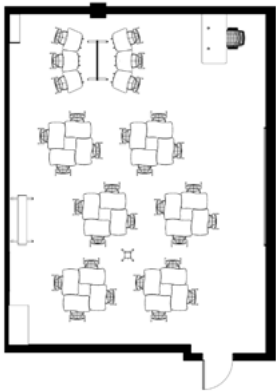
Rendering of gathering areas in media center.



Final installation of work spaces in media center.



Final installation of gathering area in media center.



Rendering of classroom.



Final installation of classroom.

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