Latrobe Elementary School
Latrobe, PA

Challenge: An elementary school built more than 100 years ago upgraded to a newly constructed campus and required a flooring option that integrated with the school’s branding as well as provided clean and safe learning environments.

Project Requirements: Acoustics, Comfort underfoot, Durability, Longevity, Sustainable, Manageable life-cycle cost, Maintenance

Flooring Solution: norament® hammered stairtreads, noraplan environcare™, noraplan® sentica

Architect/Designer: Axis Architecture – Irwin, PA
With the goal of creating the feeling of a cohesive campus, Latrobe, PA district officials took a very active approach in evaluating floor coverings for the new Latrobe Elementary School. They selected two products, noraplan® sentica and noraplan environcare™, to cover 60,000 square feet of the elementary school.

For Principal Sherri Holler, it was imperative to find flooring that supported the school’s use of flexible seating. With an extremely dense and nonporous surface, rubber flooring offers hygienic benefits and chemical-free maintenance, which is especially important for creating safe and supportive learning spaces for students with allergies.

According to Royal Ferry, Custodial Supervisor, maintaining the rubber flooring is simple. Rather than managing multiple flooring types with various protocols, staff can take care of the floor with a routine that is “unbelievable” compared to previous maintenance requirements. “Our staff can go in and take care of the flooring easily. It’s just one step, and it works so well.”

“The auditorium space and everywhere else throughout the campus just looks really wonderful. I truly believe that an inviting building helps kids learn.”

Sherri Holler, Latrobe Elementary School Principal