**Platte Valley Middle School Fly-Thru Narrative**

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The school campus at the Platte Valley School District has a new promenade connecting the existing District Stadium to the brand-new middle school and existing elementary school further to the West. The promenade is flanked by the new outdoor learning commons and classrooms with southern daylight exposure to the north of the promenade, and basketball courts, a sand volleyball court, and practice field to the south of the school. The school is designed with a neutral gray brick and accented dark brick with hints of a wood look ceiling and soffit as you circle around the building. As the eye travels up, you’ll see a beautiful gabled roof protecting a West view of the new fabrication lab and tech classrooms. Circling around the building, the Hill Street side has a glimpse into another glazed gable end wall on the North, connecting the long ‘L’ shaped gable, and casting natural daylight through the clerestory windows deep into the center of the building. The new Fieldhouse stands grand and tall along the Northern, Eastern, and Southern sides of the building.

The promenade entrance will be the new location of the historical bell from our original school that started our history as Platte Valley School district here in Kersey, Colorado.

In the middle of the promenade is the main entrance to the middle school, marked by a flagpole and seating area. As you walk into the building through a secure entry vestibule, the familiar gray and dark brick lead you into the corridor where the space transitions from exterior to interior, highlighting a message center for the school district and middle school happenings. The grand two-story vault is first visible as you walk past the main staircase to the second level and see the full effect of natural daylight filling the dining commons and learning commons. The learning commons will be the hub of the middle school, functioning as a library and open meeting area with plenty of natural daylight and space to convene. As we move west past the stairs and elevator, we enter the tech classrooms of Agricultural Education and the Gifted and Talented program, both of which, (along with the Art Classroom,) are conveniently located off the Fabrication Lab, which is a large scale ‘maker-space’, to make full use of equipment shared between disciplines. As we move to the second level, the Fabrication Lab also connects the Economics Classroom and Tech Classroom. Outside of the classroom, the second story lockers are lined along the edge of the walkway with a great view of the Learning Commons below. To the south side a full-height display case stands tall to house many student projects for years to come. Entering the center of the student learning suite, the ceiling is crafted of a natural wood decorative baffle product, transitioning the main learning commons entrances to corridors and classroom entrances. As we turn down the corridors, the entrances to the classrooms are offset from the main hall with a classroom suite entrance. Each classroom is equipped with a teaching wall including marker boards and projectors, plenty of storage space, and plenty of exterior windows for natural daylight. The main entrance staircase has a convenient seating area that overlooks the dining commons and connections to the large public spaces.

Off the dining commons and to the West, we enter the school districts brand new Performing Arts Multipurpose Space, designed to accommodate 500 audience members and an ample stage to host community events, school theatrical and musical performances, and the annual art gala. The seating shown is retractable and when not being used for performances, this space is designed to function as a large multipurpose space.

The eastern side of the fieldhouse contains two large wrestling mats with supporting weightroom and locker rooms for students and coaches. This space will double as a staging area for the LAR (Little America Rodeo Program). Two large garage doors connect the wrestling room to the Fieldhouse. The Fieldhouse, a community focal point, is a nod to the past, with the excitement of the future challenges to be conquered by many Broncos to come. Flanked with bleachers seating for 1,200 spectators, the courts are surrounded by translucent clerestory windows, filtering natural light into the space. The Fieldhouse is just East of the Dining Commons, which is designed as a pre-function space to serve the Fieldhouse and Multipurpose Rooms during events, as well as the main entrance to the school.

In addition to the Middle School, we are constructing a new Platte Valley School District Central Office Facility. This building will support the PVSD School District Administrative Staff and IT Department. To match the Middle School, the Central Office Building is constructed of the same gray brick material accented with dark brick and natural wood soffits extending from the exterior to the interior of the spaces. As you enter the building, the lobby leads to the new Board Room, equipped with a permanent dais for hosting School Board Meetings. This space has also been designed for flexibility to host public use and special events.