

Morton School District - Morton, WA



"Our school district needed a quick, cost-efficient, and professional looking solution for repurposing a former science classroom into office space. NxtWall provided the answer to all our needs and delivered not only a modern, fresh, and custom design but also a design that is adaptable and will grow as our needs change. The professionalism of NxtWall and their installers were beyond our expectations."

– John Hannah, Superintendent of Morton School District

Project Profile:

Morton School District located in Morton, Washington currently has 450 preK-12th grade students enrolled for the 2021–22 school year. The School District's moto is "Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts". The City of Morton, nestled in a valley between Mt. Rainier National Park & Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument has a population of 1,217. For the last 80 years, this logging town has hosted the Morton Loggers' Jubilee, which is known as the "Granddaddy of all Logging Shows". Much of the proceeds from this annual event go to support scholarship programs, sport teams and classrooms activities for the school district. Morton also boasts a burgeoning art scene and seemingly never-ending forests, pristine rivers, and clear mountain air.

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Before Photos



Challenge:

In need of a new District Office, a former chemistry lab was identified as the perfect location for the new Morton School District Offices. The vacant classroom needed to be transformed into an office suite with a security vestibule to truly meet the needs of the Superintendent of Schools and his team. Having a separate security vestibule with an outside entrance leading into the new District Office was critical to tighten the building's security and ensure the safety of teachers, students and staff since the new office would be located in a wing of the existing middle school. Cost and timing were also concerns as was the age of the building which was built in 1957 and last renovated in 1968. The school district wanted to stay within budget and needed the work done quickly. Drywall was an option but was quickly ruled out. The flexibility of demountable walls was the deciding factor since the school district's needs may change in the coming years with fluctuations in enrollment.



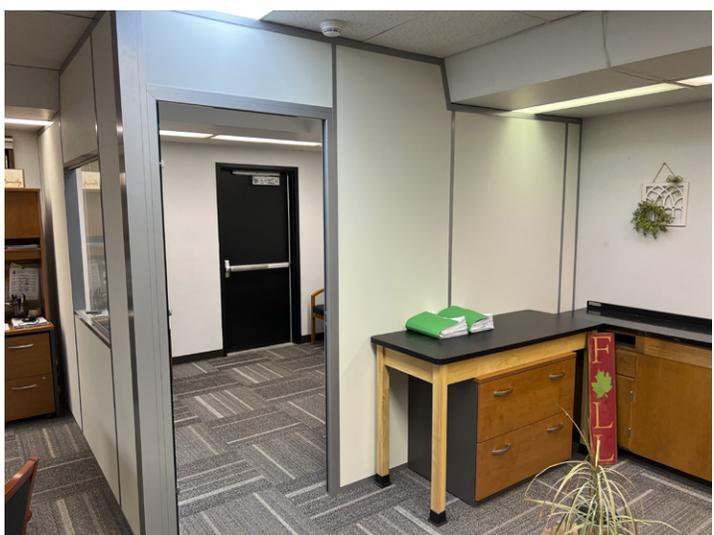
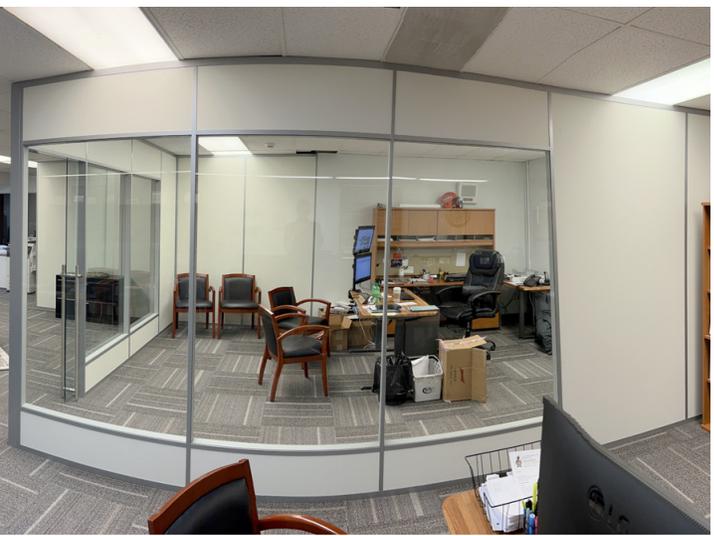
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Solution:

The older building selected to house the new Morton School District Office presented many challenges but since NxtWall Demountable Walls are field-fit, allowances could be made on-the-spot for such things as bulkheads, light fixtures, and non-level floors. The use of NxtWall's Flex Series allowed both solid and glass walls to be incorporated into the design which opened the room and allowed light to fall in otherwise dark areas. The need for a secure vestibule/outside entrance was quickly resolved with framing and the use of a solid 3/8 inch glass door with a locking Cortland leverset and a sliding glass window to screen visitors. NxtWall installers were able to come in and build the offices and return to put in the glass in a matter of days. In fact, the whole transformation from chemistry lab to modern, professional office took just over three weeks to complete. The project was on time and within budget.

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PROJECT INFO:

Client: Morton School District

Photographer: John Hannah

NxtWall Products: Flex Series

NxtWall Product Description:

Flex Series with MS Silver frame finish. Clear tempered glass sliding and swing doors with 48" locking bar pulls and Cortland locking lever set. Sliding glass reception window. Grade 2 vinyl wrapped gypsum was used on the side wall with glass fronts.