

Safe, Affordable Access for Students

Situation:

Richfield Elementary School serves approximately 250 students, grades 3-8. Built nearly 150 years ago, the school underwent multiple additions and renovations up until 1999. However, the school was “grandfathered” into code compliance and did not meet current accessibility guidelines as of 2015.

Problem:

An old elevator connected only three out of four floors at Richfield Elementary. As a result, there were concerns about ensuring a safe environment and providing an accessible learning environment for students. District Administrator Tara Villalobos brought proposals to the Board outlining her concerns, and building improvements were approved.

Solution:

Villalobos worked with the general contractor and architect to determine viable accessibility options. A Bruno enclosed vertical platform lift (VPL) was quickly identified as a space-efficient, safe, economical choice.

“It’s a great alternative to an elevator. It’s less obtrusive and more affordable, so we can put the savings toward other areas of need. We also like that it’s totally open so you can see the kids and make sure they are ok.”

-Tara Villalobos



District Administrator Tara Villalobos



Richfield Elementary is now code compliant and accessible for people with mobility challenges.

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