

Case History: remove old bleachers, install new Evergreen bleachers

Situation: Pickering-Sisson Middle School in Lynn, Massachusetts received a grant from the NFL as part of their “Keep Gym In School” program. The grant funded refurbishments to the gym, including refinishing the gym floor, walls and bleachers.

Grant Money Used To Refurbish School Gym

New England was the latest stop for the 2009 “Keep Gym in School” program, bringing excitement and \$50,000 in grant money to Pickering Middle School. With partners the New England Patriots and Verizon FiOS TV, NFL Network celebrated the adoption and refurbishments in Lynn, MA with a high-energy pep rally and minicamp. The grant money provided funding to convert a run-down locker room into a state-of-the-art fitness room with new cardio and weight training equipment. The grant was also used to provide additional Physical Education equipment and inspired the City of Lynn to provide funds to renovate the gymnasium including refinishing the gym floor. With the improvements, more students will have more access to better facilities and more physical activity classes - including a dedicated weight training and exercise class to educate students on proper technique. Bleacherman handled the bleacher removal and re-install of new Evergreen Bleachers™.



Edward A. Sissons School in Lynn, Massachusetts



No safety rails, no aisles, Note walls and floor need refinishing.



Large openings (between seatboard and footboard) present a safety hazard.



Fir lumber was solid 1.5” X 10” -- Years of wear and tear, plus vandalism, made it unsightly (but restorable).



Old bleachers were manually folded up against wall. Note poor condition of gym floor.



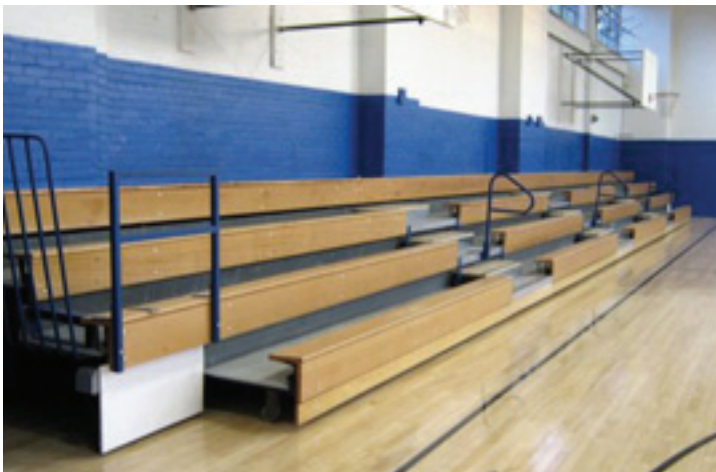
Old (60 - 70 years) slant-style bleachers cannot be made to conform with building and safety codes.



Old “slant-style bleachers were removed, then the area beneath the bleachers was sanded and sealed, prior to installing the new bleacher understructure.



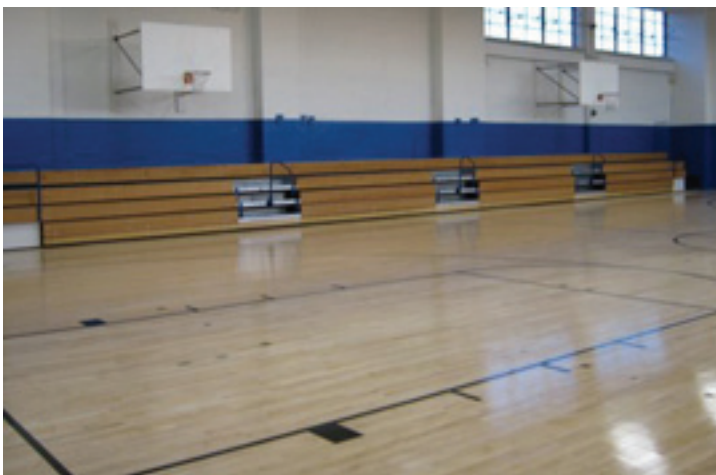
Remounting the fir seatboards after reconditioning. Note the before-and-after difference of the bleacher boards and the gym floor.



Long view shows the new safety equipment in place: end rails, ADA rail, P-rails, closed deck with 48-inch aisles



Foot-level Century Design® “no-sag” system reinforces the new bleachers, comes with a 20-year warranty. Intermediate steps with non-skid tape are code-compliant.



Fully refurbished gym looks brand new. Reconditioned bleacher wood maintains the traditional beauty of its original furnishings. No new wood was required, providing a very substantial savings.



Another safety feature: bleachers have no live wiring underneath. Drive system is energized only when the operator plugs in the pendant controls to the nearest wall outlet to open or close bleachers.