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Renovated School Gymnasium Gains Light **Thanks to Acrylic Block Windows**

PENSACOLA, FLA. – Originally constructed in 1935, for many years the children’s gymnasium at **Central Elementary School in Nevada, Iowa** resembled a dark dungeon-type area within the building. The original glass windows had been boarded up to prevent the distracting glare of sunlight while games were being played. All that changed in 2007 when the gym was renovated and 28 custom-made acrylic block windows were added to the 650-seat facility.

“Installing the obscure acrylic block windows from Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows has made a dramatic difference in this gym,” says Jim Walker, superintendent of the Nevada Schools system. “It was a shame to board up the original windows, but we felt there was no other option because it was simply too bright in the facility. Now the gym has indirect sunlight flowing through the acrylic blocks that adds warmth and vibrancy to the gym setting.”

Not only have the young children in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade at the school noticed the change, but so have many others. “Whenever our alumni come back to tour the school they immediately marvel at how these windows have transformed the gym,” says Walker. “In addition, the Middle School children that use the facility in the afternoon and evenings also benefit from the change.”

The new design feature of the gym was brought to life by the installation team at Woodruff Construction out of Ames, Iowa. The company, which specializes in commercial construction work, found the fixed acrylic block windows easy to install for this project.

“I’d recommend these acrylic block windows to anyone who wants to achieve a diffused light feature in a building,” says Nick Ford, project manager with Woodruff Construction. “As we installed each window in this school, we immediately saw a difference come over the interior of the gym. The softness of the light coming through the Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows products helped energize the entire facility. And, as a bonus, the exterior appearance of the gym has now improved significantly with these windows.”

Available nationwide, acrylic block windows from Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows come in fixed picture, custom radius, geometric, single hung, casement, awning and slider styles. Headquartered in Pensacola, Fla., Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows offers the widest selection of prefabricated privacy products in the industry. Product lines are offered under both the U S

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