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# FGS FLOOR OWNER TESTIMONIAL

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Nature of business: New High School  
Building Owner: West Ottawa School System, Holland, Mich.  
Location: 3623 Butternut Drive, Holland, Michigan, 49424  
Floor responsibility: Gary Brazinski, Director, Building Services & Grounds  
Approx. Sq. ft. 16,000+  
Phone: 616-738-6971  
FGS Installer: Venture Technology  
Installer Contact: Beth Sproat, Venture Tech. 616-299-4943

## **“Hands-down, I Had To Choose The FGS Floor System.”**

When facilities manager, Gary Brazinski, weighed all his floor options for his new West Ottawa High School being built in Holland, Michigan, he took a lot of factors into consideration.

He seriously considered and compared,

- 1) the 20-30 year useful lifespan of various floors systems,
- 2) the initial floor installation cost,
- 3) the long-term floor maintenance costs,
- 4) the floor safety factor in terms of slip-resistance, and,
- 5) the expectation by the student families of his school district that he and his peers on the school board would make the right decision!

“Hands-down, I had to choose the FGS floor system. I am really pleased with the look of my floors. They look great!” said Gary. “I was also pleased with the cost and the professional job done by your certified FGS applicator! Part of our original objective here was for this building to be low energy, low maintenance and safe. FGS fits into that category, hands-down!”

Certified applicator Venture Technology of Holland, Michigan, was chosen to do the job. A total of 16,000 sq. ft. was polished and then treated with the FGS-PERMASHINE sealer-hardener. According to Gary, “The concrete was about 4 to 5 months old when Venture performed the FGS job. We decided to do the FGS-PERMASHINE system after the floor was already done. It wasn’t part of the original specification from the architect. The school board and I made the FGS decision after weighing all the pros and cons, well after the floor was placed. If I had to do it all over again, I would have had the concrete contractor do a few things differently around the edges, but that eventually worked-out OK. The polishers from Venture had to do extra work around the edges to even out trowel marks. The floor originally was spec’d to be epoxy-coated. All in all, Venture made it look really nice. I wish we had done these FGS floors in our other schools years ago. We’d have a lot less to worry about today!”

After looking at actual sample-slabs from Venture Technology, Gary choose to do the 5-pass high level grit grind and polish on the woodworking and machine shop areas in the school, and a 10 step process which exposed the attractive aggregate of the concrete floor in the art room area. Gary commented, “The school board felt that the high-traffic art room should be a real showpiece to the parents and students. The exposed aggregate really shines and gives the room another dimension. As the additional monies become available in our school system budget, we will look into the future to do the FGS system to our new schools!”

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Picture Options: Michigan 44.CRW, 47.CRW



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