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Madrid-Waddington Central School:

The Yellowjackets' Stylish Hive

When Madrid-Waddington Central School in Madrid, New York was searching for a new look for their cafeteria, they were in search of modern, sleek, inviting furniture for their students' most social common area. The remodel of a school's cafeteria is no task to take lightly. Studies have shown that young minds are shaped by the [nature of their surroundings](#), and their mental development can be enhanced or diminished by something as commonplace as furniture.

This means that educational environments need to be of the highest quality, so that they can last years and make students feel as if the school is their second home. The educators at [Madrid-Waddington](#) weren't sure which pieces to select and needed guidance. That's when the design team at MooreCo stepped in.

Offering them ideas for pieces that were multi-functional and fun, designers Molly Cox and Kim Diaz had many options to add some much-needed flair to the school's old and tired cafeteria space. Using the school's vibrant colors of navy and yellow, Molly and Kim created a space where students could gather to chat, work, study, and even play foosball.

For seating, designers chose the [Hierarchy 4-Leg Chair](#) in yellow as a main staple of the cafeteria's new look. These ergonomic lemon colored seats were paired with the [Hierarchy Creator Rectangle Tables](#) and the [Hierarchy Cloud 9 Tables](#), offering a playful feel to each seating space with curved-edge tables that allow for numerous configurations. School spirit is reflected in the environment, with the choice of Hierarchy Yellow edgeband on each table with a Navy Legacy finish on each surface.

For the Yellowjackets' cafeteria, the Bistro Table was paired with the [Hierarchy 4-Leg Stool](#) in yellow. The table, with Navy Legacy laminate and Hierarchy Yellow edgeband, makes the dining space feel less like a cafeteria and more like a cafe. Each table can be made to suit a variety of settings, adjusting from 30" to 43.5" for taller seats, giving this common area the feel of a restaurant or lounge so that students can socialize in a relaxed, modern setting.

Molly and Kim completed the cafeteria by creating a cozy feel with dining booths near sunroom-style windows. Using the armless [Soft Seating Sofa](#) with Silica Compass Fresh fabric, reminiscent of a

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honeycomb in navy and yellow, they created an ideal space for studying, gathering, and eating by sunlight. Each booth features a custom 72"W x 30"D table with Gibraltar laminate top and navy edgeband.

Cafeterias in higher education aren't just used as mess halls. Often, they are the gathering space for meetings, rallies, and may be used as alternative classroom spaces. So Molly and Kim had the idea to finish the Yellowjackets' cafeteria with [MediaSpace Tables](#) surrounded by the [Orbit MediaSpace Soft Seating](#).

The flexible [Orbit MediaSpace Soft Seating](#) pieces can be configured in a horseshoe set-up that measures 42.5"H x 140"W x 115"D overall. For Madrid-Waddington, the fabric chosen matches the booth-style set up near the windows, adorned with Silica Compass upholstery in Fresh. The back shelf option allows for additional work seating, complete with [Hierarchy 4-Leg Stools](#) in yellow. The [MediaSpace Table](#) includes built-in grommets for easy cable management, or to add power accessories, and is available with a customizable top and edgeband.

Hierarchy Yellow edgeband and Navy Legacy surfaces finish the media space where students can learn, talk, and socialize in style.

Once finished with navy, yellow, and ivory geometric carpeting, the newly remodeled cafeteria was complete. The end result is a space that feels mature, yet playful and highly functional. For students that are preparing for college, this open space is a wonderful setup for encouraging independence and sophisticated learning practices. The faculty and students at Madrid-Waddington were thrilled with the completed cafeteria, and the MooreCo design team had another success on their hands.

From rendering to reality, helping schools create spaces that help students learn is a joy for everyone involved. The designers were happy knowing that each student would feel at home while at school in their shared common area. ■

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