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Community Tours New Learning Spaces at Madeira Elementary School

Several hundred Madeira community members got their first look at an exciting change to one of their schools when the district held an Open House for a two story, 25,000 square foot addition at Madeira Elementary School (MES).

The addition was built to accommodate the district's increasing enrollment when studies indicated they'd be running out of middle school level classroom space. MES had the area to add classrooms and parking, so plans were made to add on to the elementary school and reconfigure it as a K-5 building.

Construction on the addition began in September, 2022 and was completed just eleven months later. The 2023-2024 school year started as scheduled and a few weeks later, Madeira Elementary School opened its doors to the community for an Open House of the new educational areas.

Visitors had the opportunity to see twelve new classrooms, a new media center, new gifted room, and STEAM lab. They also had a chance to see renovated and repurposed areas in the existing building - upgraded conference rooms, band, music and choir rooms, an expanded nurses' area, counseling office and team rooms, all with LED high-efficiency lighting and new furnishings.

"Madeira is a special community with great schools, and it was exciting to see so many people walking the halls at the Open House," Madeira Schools Superintendent Kenji Matsudo said. "We wanted to show our Madeira families and friends the updated facility that will help the district continue to support the excellent programs and opportunities that they've come to expect."

Special guests at the Open House were (l) Jim Decatur MHS Class of 1951 with members of the Madeira/Indian Hill fire department and (r) Madeira Schools' Superintendent Kenji Matsudo with former Madeira Elementary School Principal John Dumont's son Steve and his wife Julie.

