

Whiz Case Study

GSF Building Services & Valley View Administrative Building

Overview

Valley View school district in Romeoville, Illinois is comprised of approximately 24 buildings, serves over 16,000 students, grades K-12, and employs 2,400 full-time faculty.

Valley View School District works with a diverse population of students and faculty to foster a sense of inclusive learning and safety for all. Partnering with GSF Building Services helps Valley View to keep their buildings clean and safe so students and teachers can focus on learning and teaching, all while staying healthy. Disinfected and sanitized buildings are key for keeping students and staff healthy all year long.

“Whiz gives a continuous and consistent clean and pulls dust and allergens out of the carpet.”

– Grant Mackall, Operational Asset Manager for GSF

The Challenge

Matt Pawlowski is the Building Maintenance Repair Technician for the Valley View Administrative Building, where Whiz, an autonomous vacuum sweeper by ICE Cobotics and SoftBank Robotics, is deployed. He says, challenges for his team and the GSF cleaning team are “the added amounts of disinfecting and sanitizing that staff have taken on, with limited amounts of time.”

The Administrative Building is made up of 33 offices, 6 conference rooms, and 4 break rooms. There is a lot of vacuuming, disinfecting, sanitizing and cleaning that has to be done every day. Miquel Barajas is the Branch Manager for GSF at Valley View. He oversees the GSF cleaning staff across the district and says, “the usual challenge is not enough time to do all the tasks that need to be completed on a daily basis.”



The Solution

Identifying Key Locations: GSF has been a partner with ICE Cobotics for six months and saw success with Whiz at their other locations. This led them to identify the Administrative Building at Valley View as a perfect spot to deploy Whiz to handle the soft surface cleaning.

Meet Scope of Work: The Administrative Building has over 8000 square feet of cleanable carpet and bringing on Whiz was the best way to meet demand and free up cleaning staff to focus on higher priority tasks.

Increased Productivity: Grant Mackall says, with Whiz “we’re looking to automate the simplest of tasks and vacuuming big areas is a simple task that doesn’t require specialized skills. We are able to free up time for workers to focus on detailed tasks.”



The Results

Since adding Whiz to the cleaning team at Valley View Administrative Building, Matt Pawlowski has seen results and so have others using the building. With Whiz as part of the team, detail work has improved, cubicles look cleaner, and Pawlowski has noticed visibly cleaner glass--no more streaks and finger prints. Cleaning staff have been able to focus more on specialized tasks.

Miquel Barajas points out: “before Whiz, we were vacuuming [the hallways and lobbies] two hours every night.” Since adding Whiz they have freed up 1.25 hours each night to focus on the detail work. That’s an extra 6.25 hours a week and 25 hours each month that can be spent on more specialized tasks to improve the overall clean.

“Whiz is helping us to achieve our goals by freeing time for our cleaners to be able to do other things and increase productivity, and we see better results.”

– Miquel Barajas, Branch Manager

1.25

Hours gained each night

25

Hours gained each month

6.25

Hours/week gained each week