



CASE STUDY

Haws Hydration Stations™ streamline maintenance processes during and after installation

COMPANY/INDUSTRY

Northwestern Illinois, Education Facility



BACKGROUND

A smaller school district located in Northwestern Illinois serves approximately 4,500 students and staff throughout their 10 K-12 schools. As with many educational facilities, reliance on accessibility and availability of drinking fountains and bottle fillers to sustain hydration needs is a big priority.

OBJECTIVE

Facility and maintenance managers within the school district encountered numerous hurdles when managing retrofits and new installations of drinking fountain and bottle filler units including installation complexities with existing piping, regular filter replacement, and durability of units in high-traffic areas. When researching options, the facility team focused on a unit that effectively addresses these challenges while providing hygienic, quality water.

SOLUTION

With the school operating on a year-round basis, it was crucial to invest in a product that not only offered longevity but also simplified the installation and retrofitting process. The maintenance managers sought a solution that would seamlessly integrate with the current infrastructure, minimizing disruptions and thereby ensuring a smooth install and ongoing maintenance effort. After careful consideration, the decision was made to purchase *Haws Electric Water Cooler with Drinking Fountain and Bottle Filler with filtration* (model 1211SF).

The *Haws 1211SF* proved to be the ideal choice, guaranteeing long-lasting functionality and easy adaptability. The installer-friendly design facilitated a hassle-free installation process, enabling the maintenance team to efficiently retrofit the units over the previous outdated units. This resulted in significant time and cost savings for the school district, allowing them to allocate resources effectively and focus on other critical maintenance tasks.

RESULTS

The decision to install the *Haws* unit in this high-traffic area aimed to provide easy access to clean drinking water for both students and staff, while also catering to the needs of maintenance and filter replacement. With one maintenance manager strategically placing a unit in one of the main hallways outside a classroom, conveniently close to the teachers' lounge.

Following the successful installation, the maintenance manager expressed satisfaction with the newly implemented *Haws* unit, highlighting its standout features in comparison to the previously installed Halsey Taylor models. One notable improvement was the ability to change the filter without having to turn off the water supply. The maintenance manager commented, **"The Haws unit really stands out from the Halsey Taylor because I do not have to turn off the water in order to change the filter."**

This positive experience of the facility staff underscores the effectiveness of the *Haws 1211SF* unit in streamlining maintenance processes during and after installation. With the elimination of the need to shut off the water supply during filter replacements, the maintenance team can now perform routine maintenance tasks more efficiently, reducing downtime and minimizing disruptions to the water supply for the surrounding areas.

ABOUT HAWS: The *Haws Hydration Station™ Electric Water Cooler* offering was intentionally designed with the facility team in mind. Offering the only universal mounting with specially designed internal configuration allowing for mounting over existing competitors rough-ins. Additional features include a flexible antimicrobial bubbler mouth guard to protect against injury and microorganisms and anti-rotational design prevents unwanted attempts to remove or rotate the head. The bottle filler automatically purges the water line after 24 hours of nonuse to prevent the development and growth of legionella and other harmful bacteria.