

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

(\*Attachments are available upon request from the Superintendent's Office.)

**Committee of the Whole**

**December 10, 2018**

A Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on December 10, 2018 in Room 11 of the School Administration Building.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kim Watson, Board Chairperson, at 6:10 p.m.

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson  
Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson  
Mrs. Jane Giuliani  
Mrs. Gretchen Newsome  
Mrs. Rosemary Robertson  
Mrs. Rita Volkmann  
Mr. Jay Weitlauf  
Mrs. Lee White

Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Sam Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds

**1. Presentation of consolidated middle school design plan in anticipation of BOE action on January 7, 2019**

Bob Austin-LaFrance, Chairperson of the PSBC, noted that the Board will be voting on the design plan on January 7, 2019 and the PSBC is scheduled to give a report on the plan to the Town Council on Tuesday. He also noted that the project is within budget and on time. He further noted that construction will begin no later than March 25, 2019.

Amy Samuelson, SLAM Architect, gave a PowerPoint presentation and a detailed overview of the proposed design plan. **[ATTACHMENT #1]**

- Site Plan
  - 2 entrances are proposed; one through Grasso Tech and the other through FHS entrance
  - Athletic field and Softball field
  - Parent drop off from Grasso Tech

- Main Entry
  - 4 story wing
    - First floor has Administration Offices
    - Second through fourth floor are academic classes
  - First Floor Plan
    - Performance Spaces
      - Studio Theater
      - Risers can be set up in several configurations
      - Cafeteria
  - Second Floor Plan
    - Movement Studio
    - Fitness Studio
    - Academic Areas will be closed during night performances
  - Third Floor Plan
    - Academic area will be the same as the second floor plan
  - Fourth Floor Plan
    - Academic area will be the same as the second floor plan
  
- A video overview of the entire project was shown

An extensive question and answer period was entertained. Points in response to questions were:

- 947 student capacity
- 24 students per classroom; classrooms can accommodate up to 27 students
- No consumer education classrooms
- Handicapped access will be met
- There will be 3 waves for lunch in the cafeteria
- There will be 27 academic classrooms per floor
- There will be a number of special education rooms of all different sizes
- There will be special education offices and 6 resource rooms
- There will be art rooms, graphic arts rooms, and a kiln
- There will be faculty work rooms on each floor
- Solar panels can be added
- There will be video surveillance

2. **Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2018**

**MOTION:** White, Giulini: To approve the minutes of November 19, 2018.  
**PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Review of Referral Tracking Sheet**

The Board reviewed the Referral Tracking Sheet.

**REWORD:**

- R2015-37 Review the implementation of grammar – to Review the assessment of grammar (AA)
- R2018-13 Summer School (funding/structure) – to More robust Summer School (funding/structure) (AA)

**REMOVE:**

- R2018-12 Discussion of Social Worker to address attendance issues – Remove from Tracking Sheet; will be addressed through the Alliance Grant
- R2017-23 Discussion of changing CK to a STEM School – Remove from Tracking Sheet
- R2017-29 Discussion of transportation re: Intra-district Magnet Schools – Remove from Tracking Sheet

**ADD:**

- Discussion of Minority Recruitment Program (KF)
- Investigation of racial bias (Retreat) (KF)
- Discussion of student achievement by sub groups (KF)
- Student Representation policy - needs to be updated; request by Daniel Gaiewski

4. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Ackerman, White: To adjourn at 8:10 p.m.  
**PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**



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TRANSFORM  
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Attachment #1

BOE and Town Council Meeting  
December 10, 2018

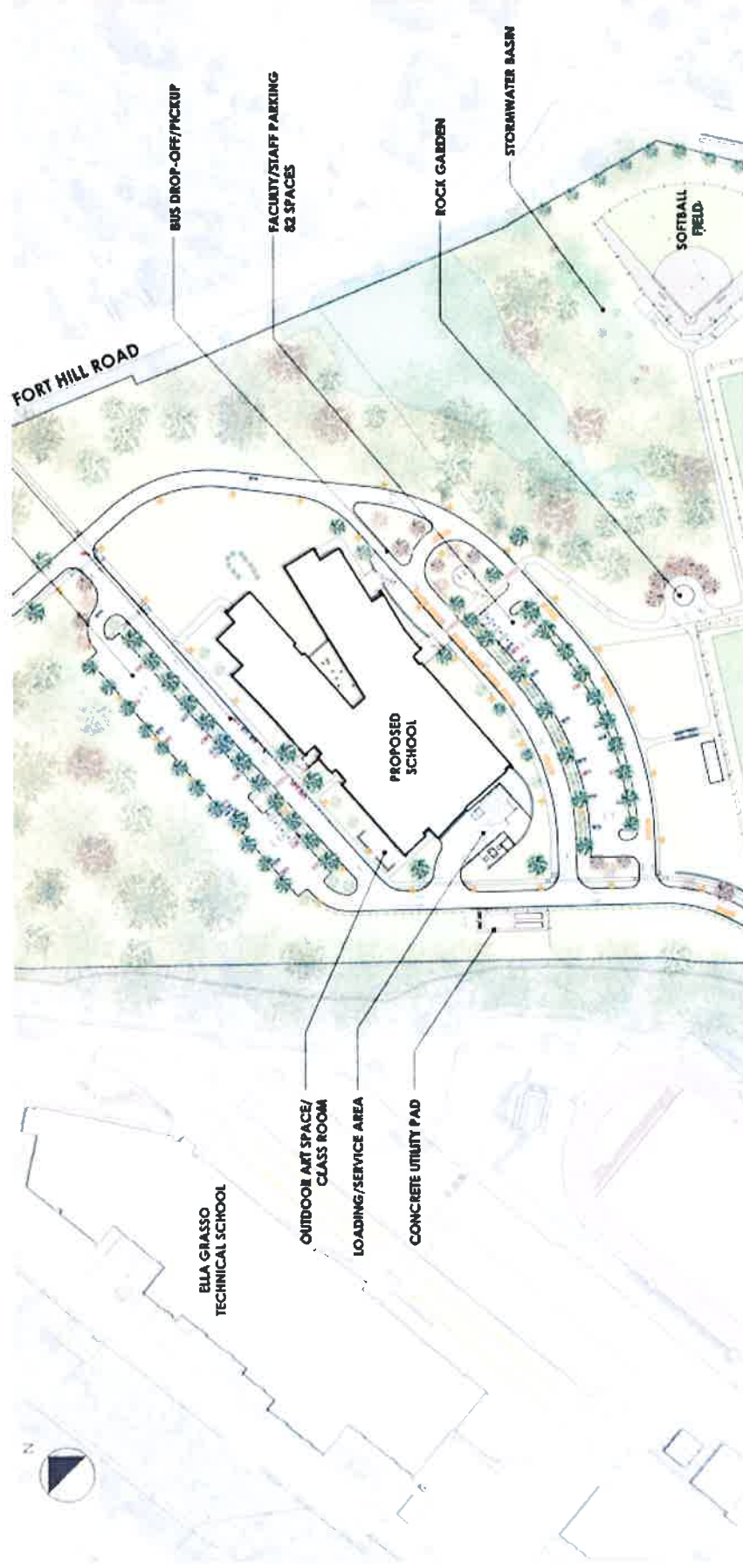
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Exteriors: Site and Floor Plans



# Site Plan



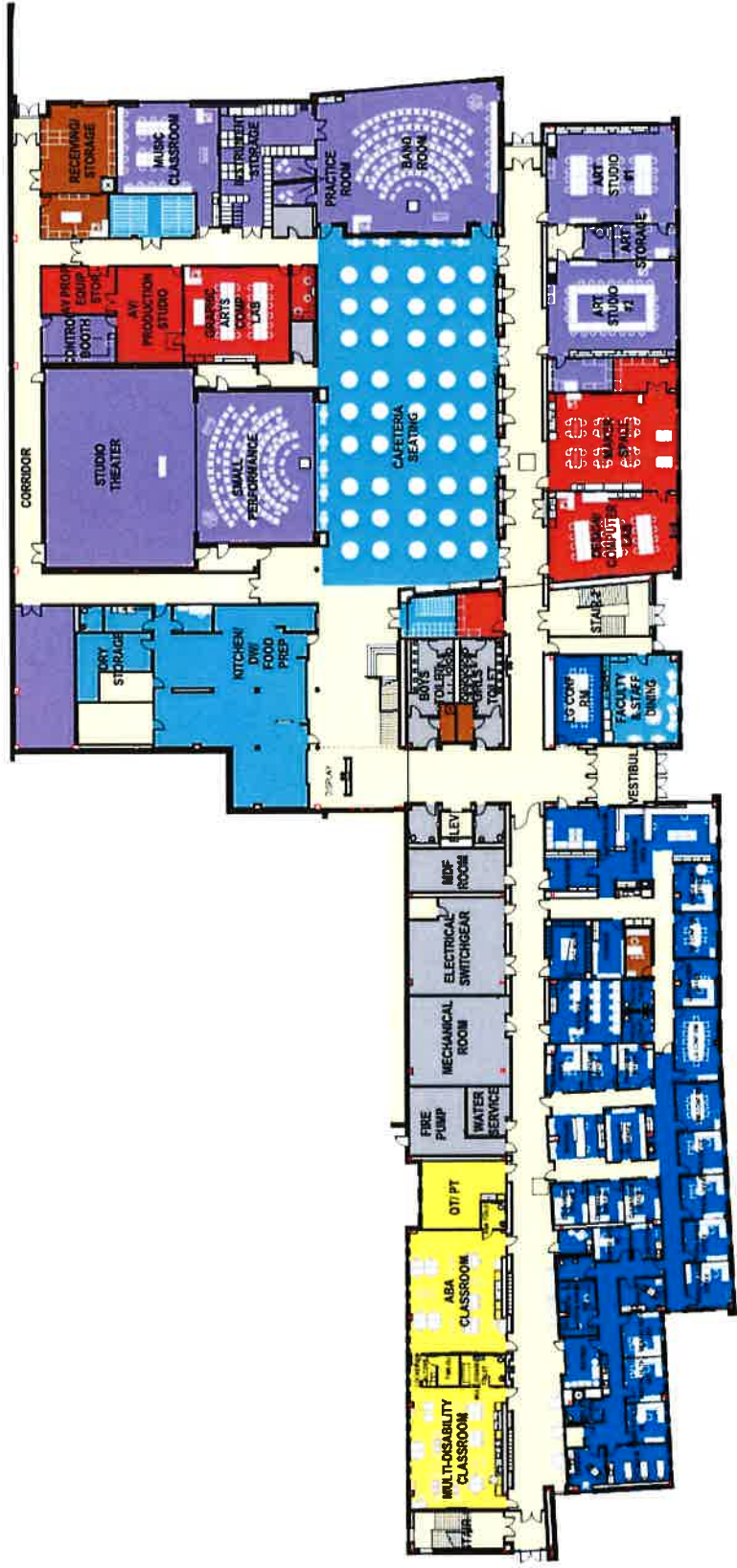
# Main Entry



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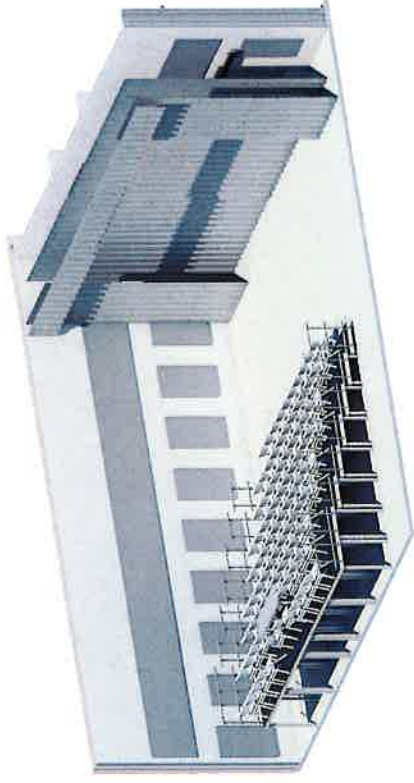
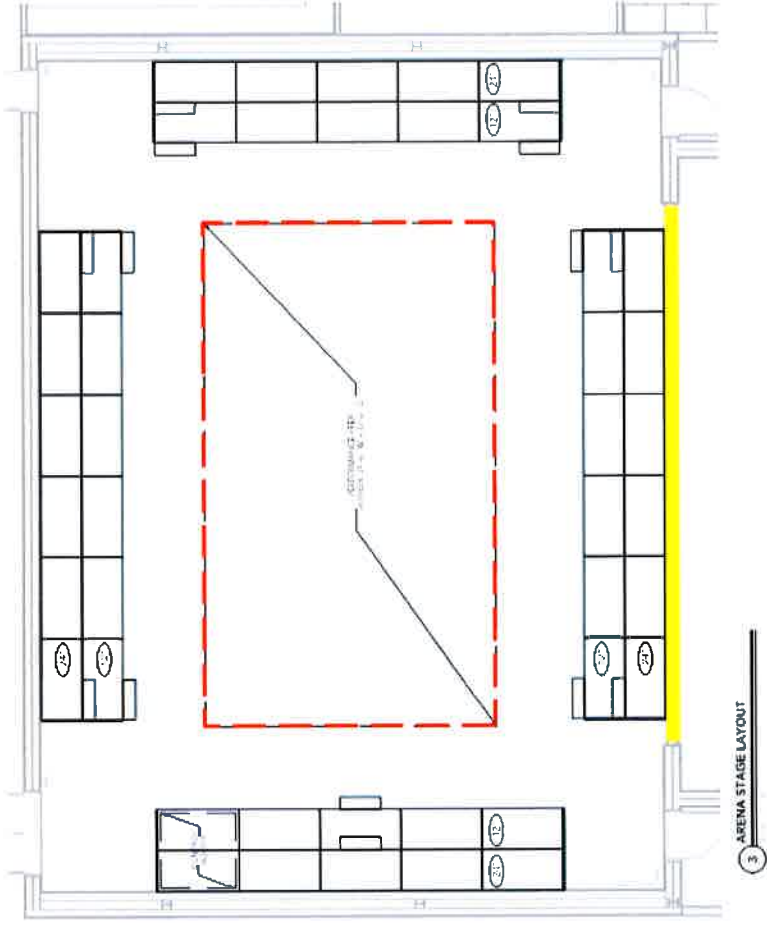
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# First Floor Plan

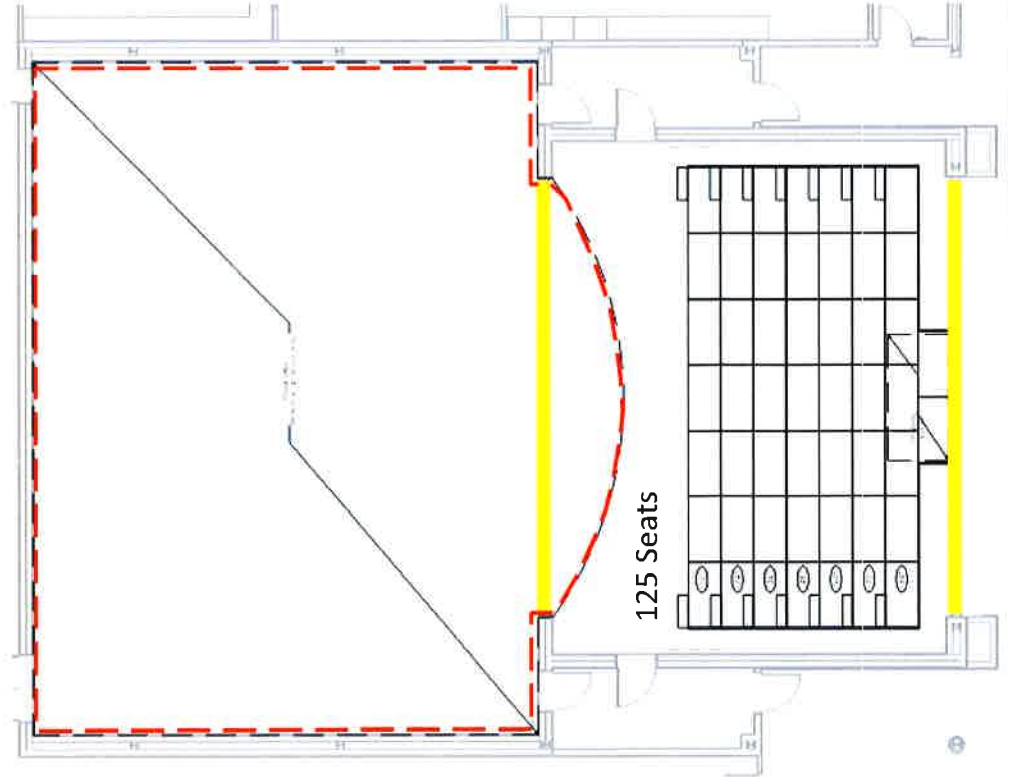


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  - BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE
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  - SPECIAL EDUCATION
  - SPECIALTY LEARNING LABS

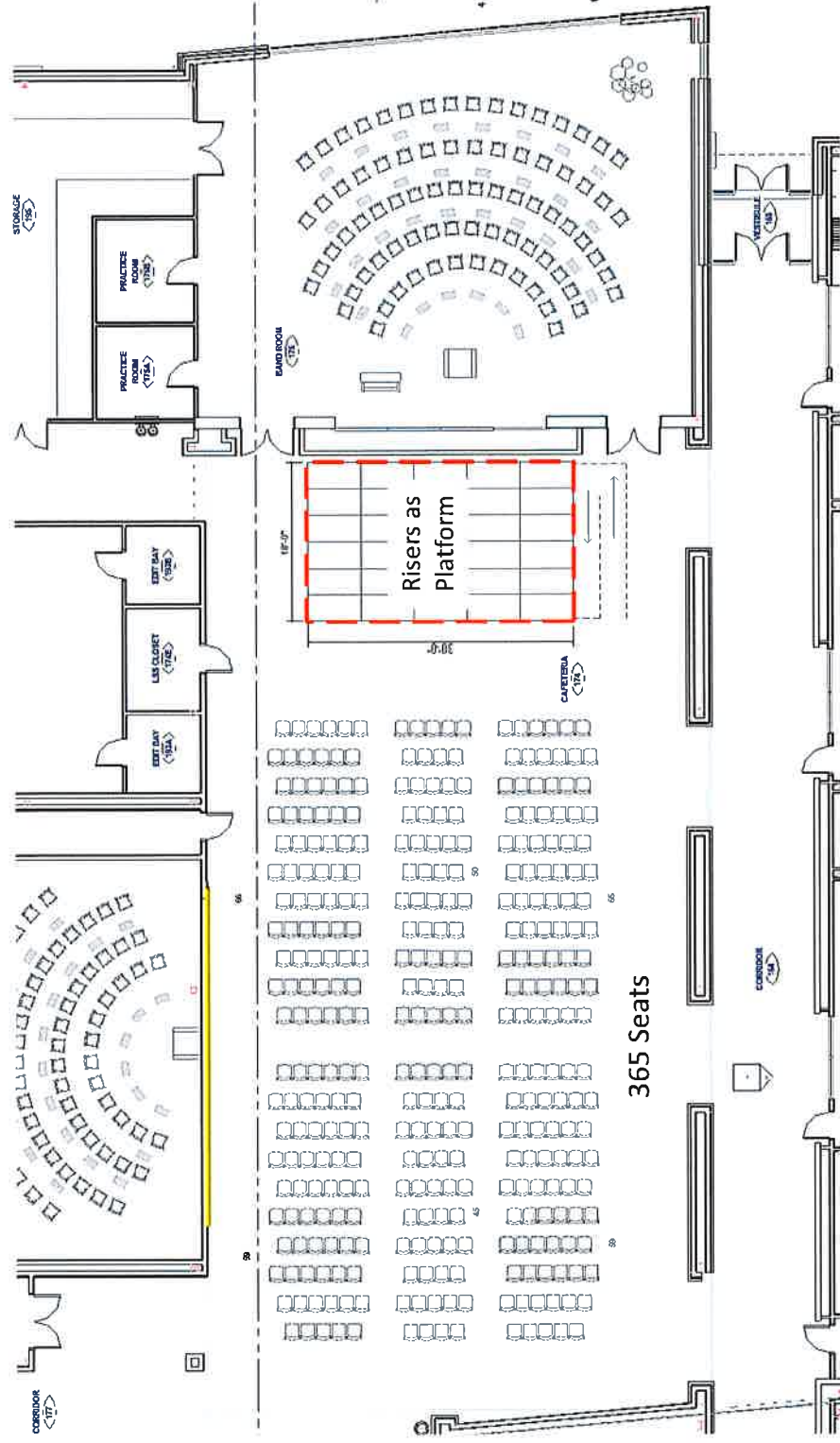
# Performance Opportunities – Studio Theater



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# Performance Opportunities – Cafeteria



Bus Entry

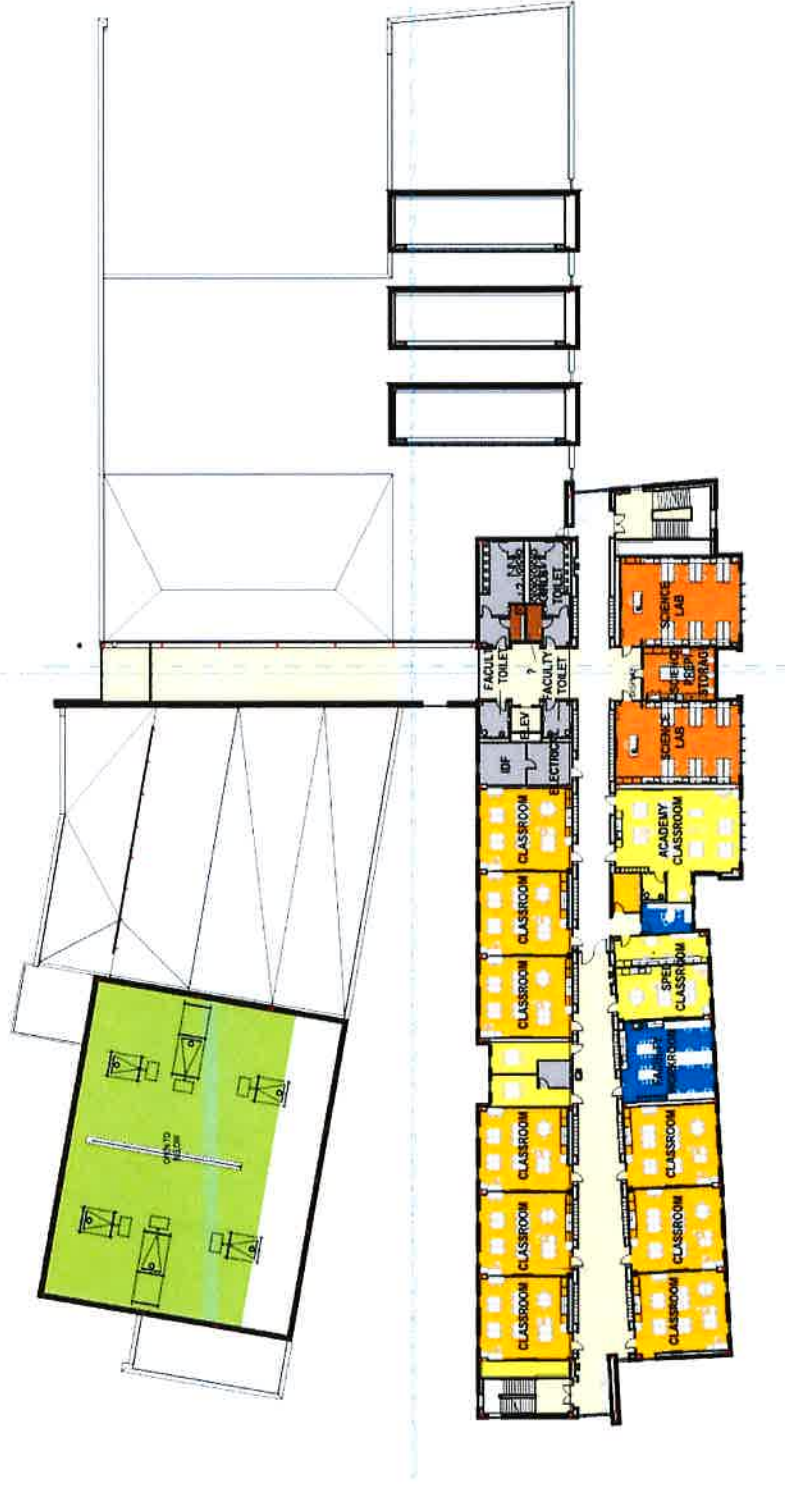


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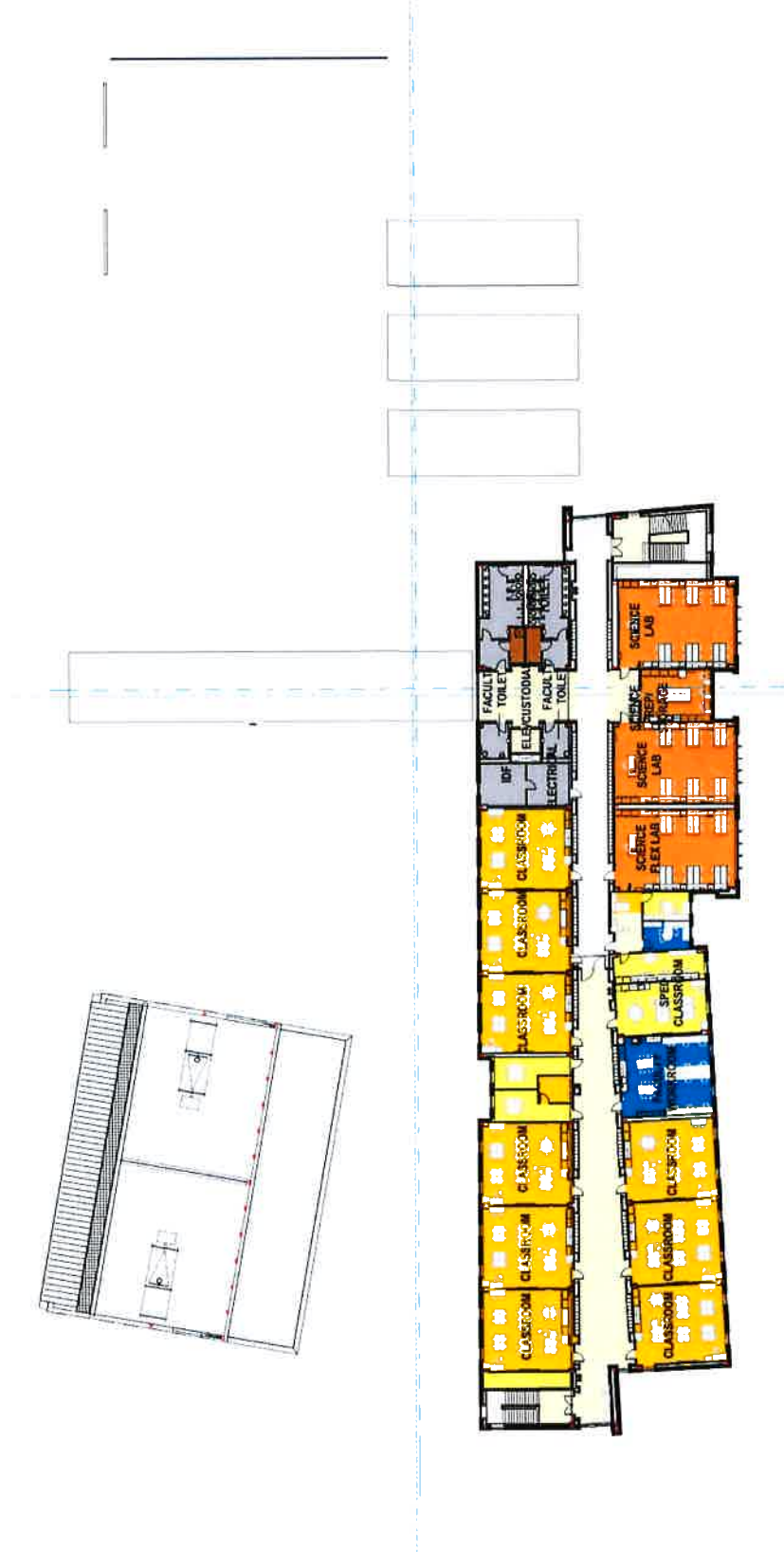


# Third Floor Plan



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# Fourth Floor Plan



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Aerial at South West Corner



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# Aerial at North East Corner



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Interiors: Materials and Spaces

# Interior Design Materials



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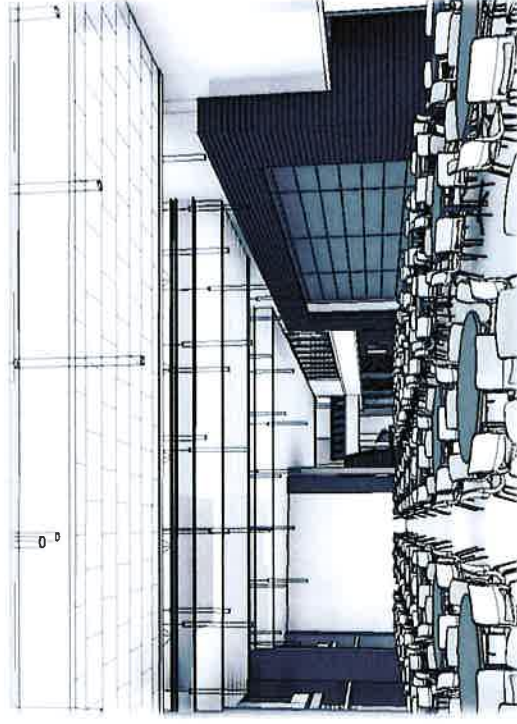
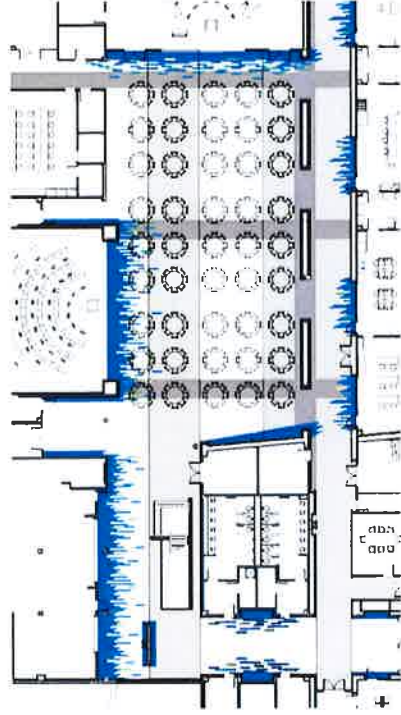
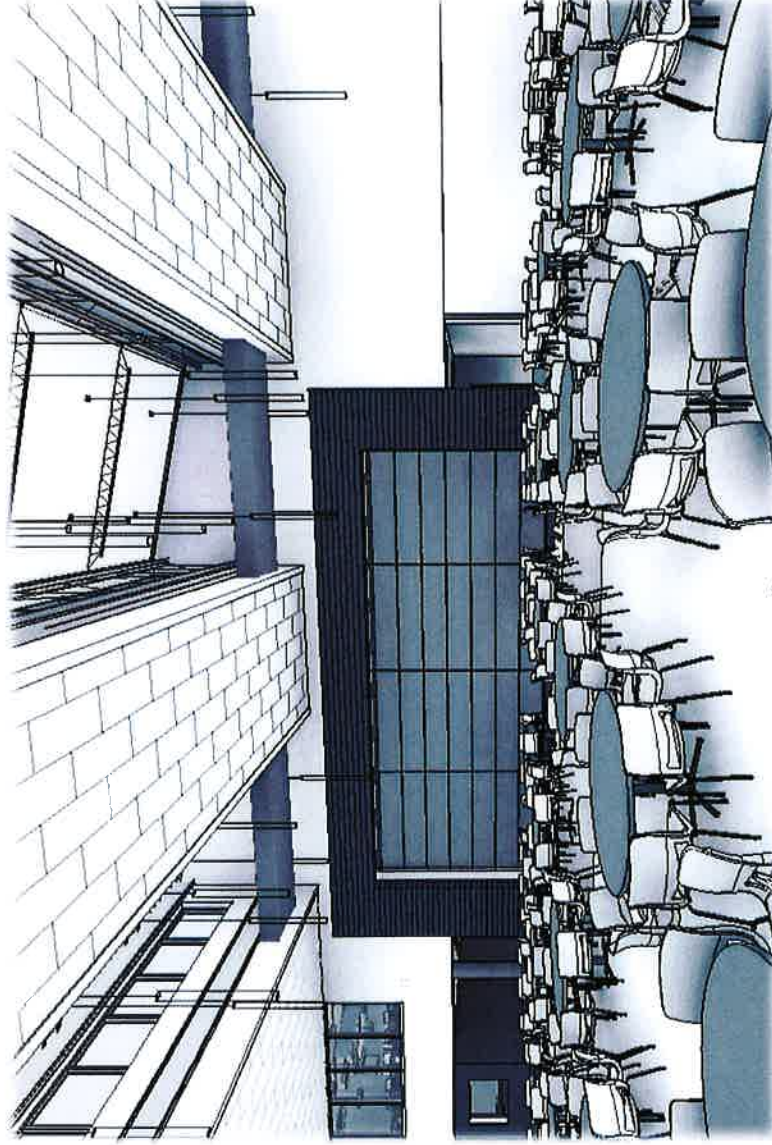


Graphic Images

Accent Paints

LVT - Accents

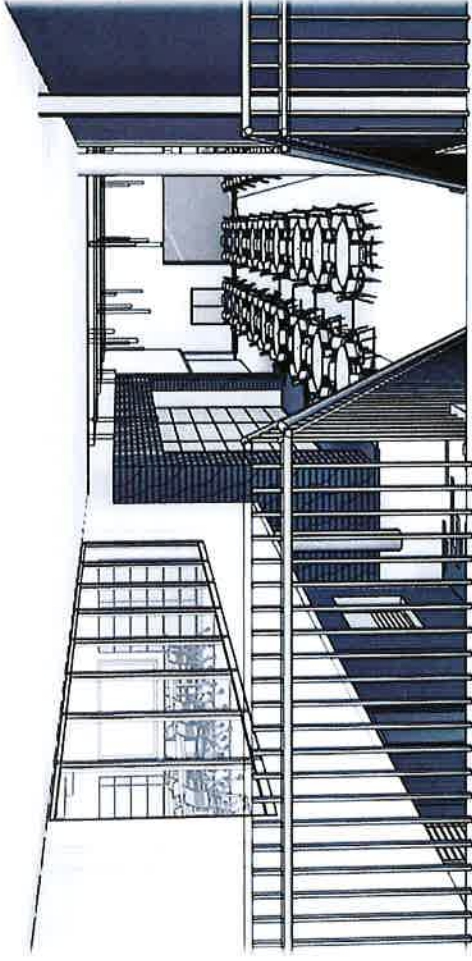
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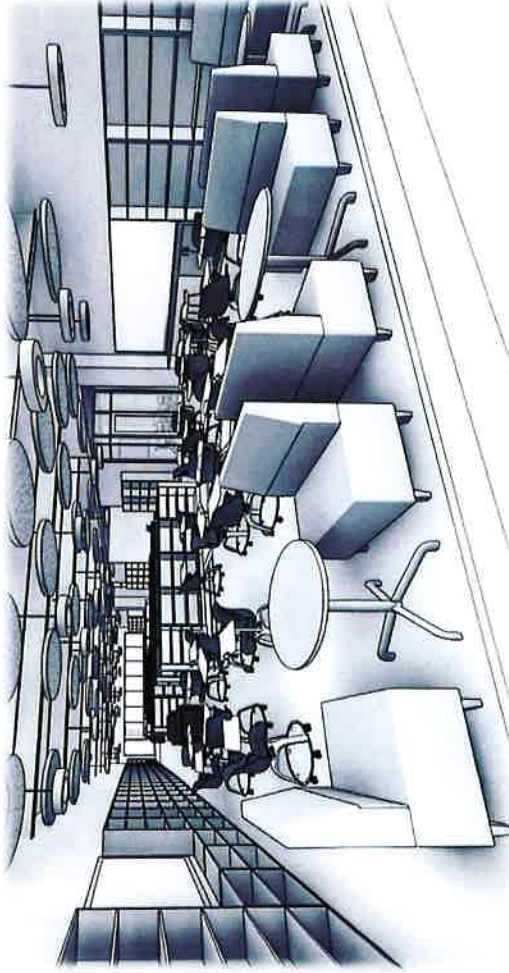
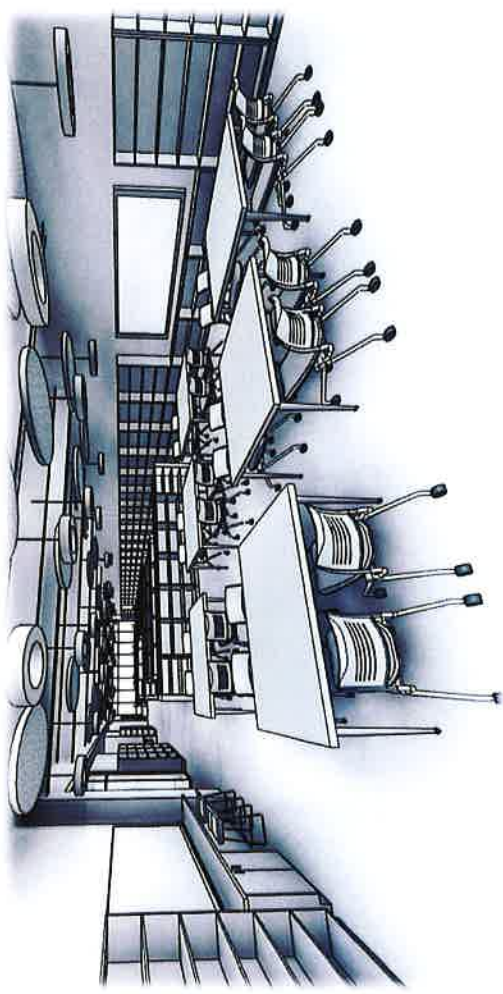
# Concourse



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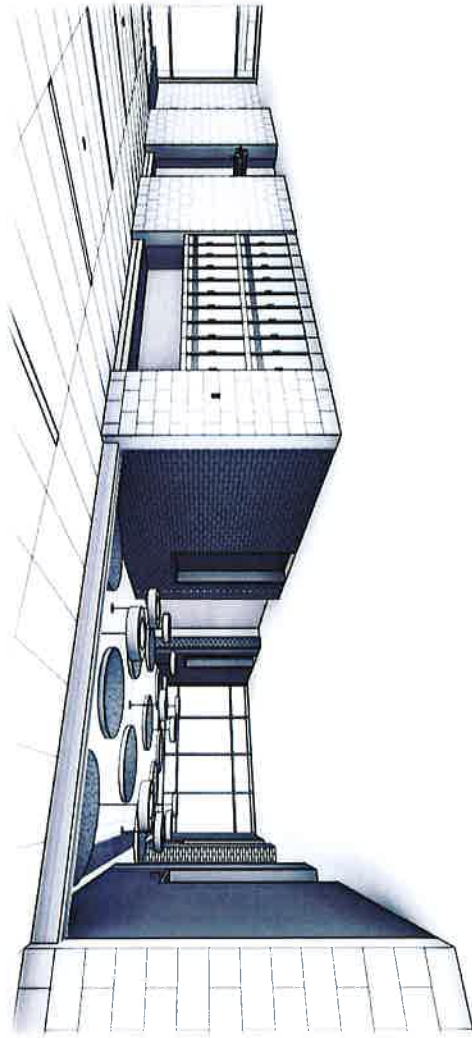
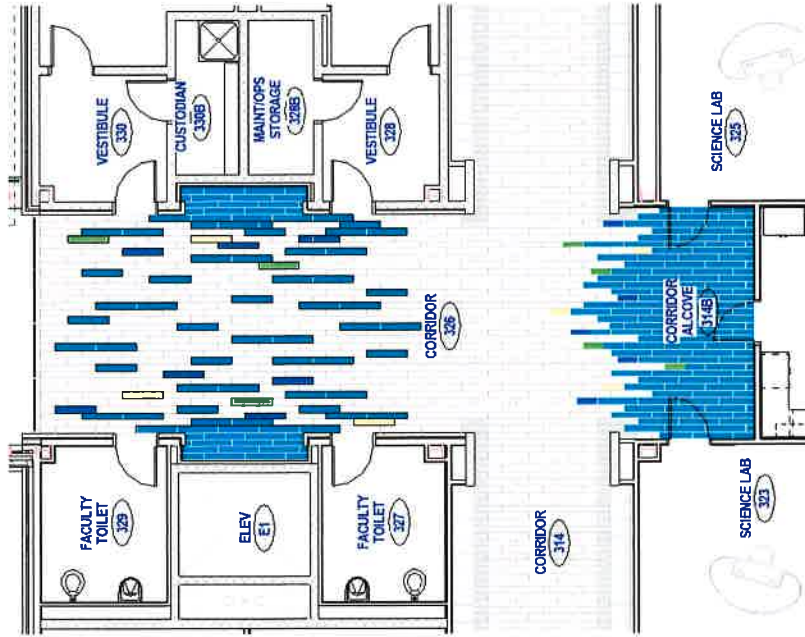
# Library Media Center



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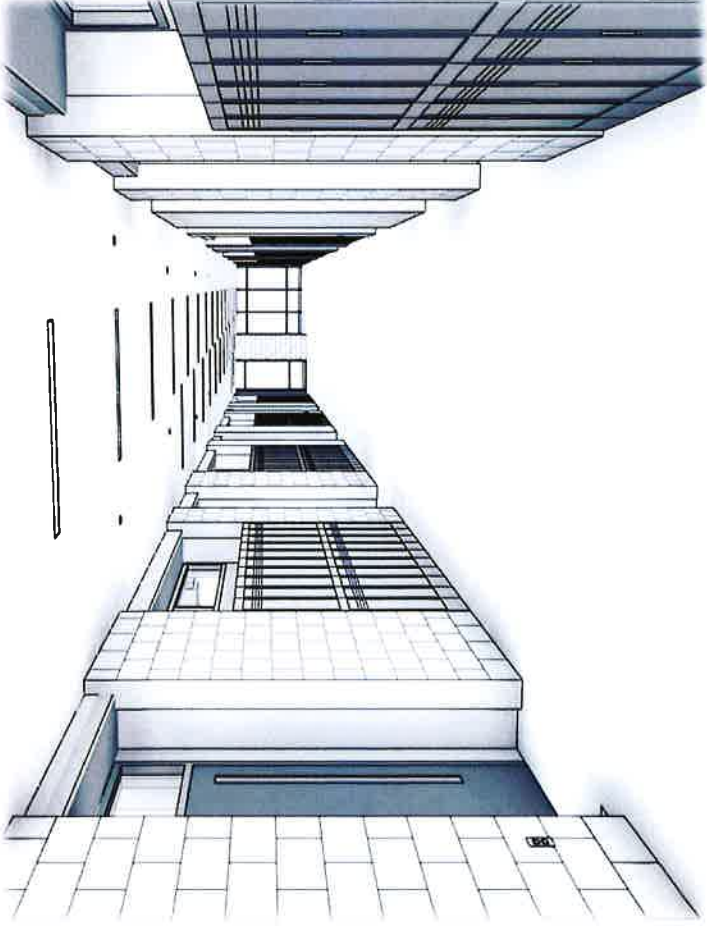
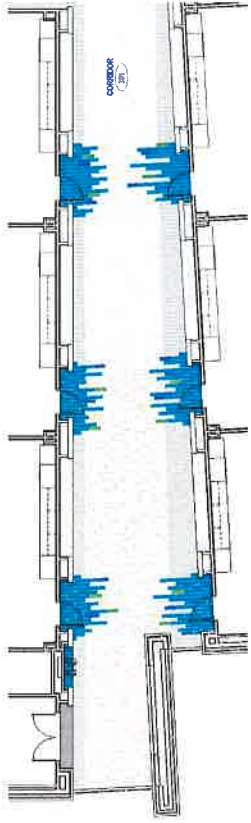
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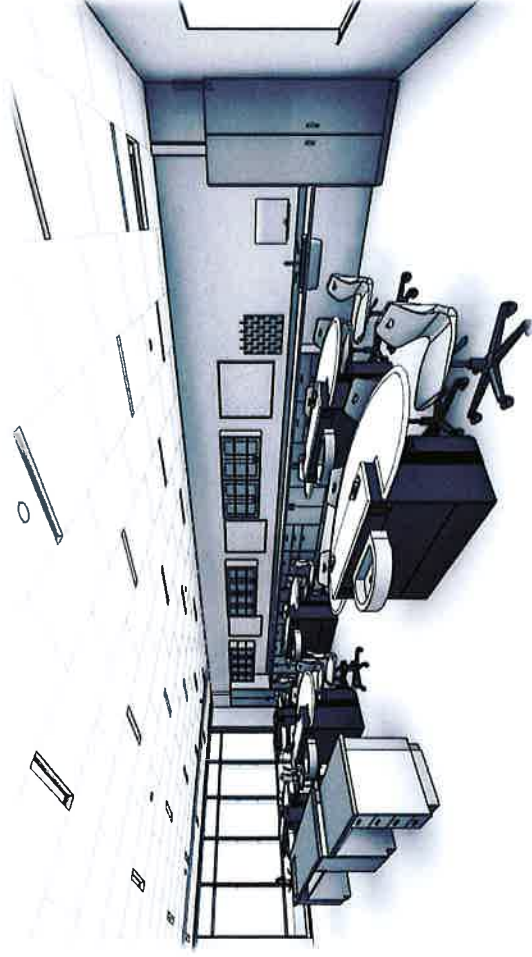
# Academic Corridor



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# Classrooms and Science Labs



# Science Lab



# Classroom



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Fly-Around Video